Ocean View School District

Board of Trustees
Modernization / Construction Update #4
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Purpose

• Provide Information on the AHERA Report and the State of Asbestos Within the OVSD
Q: Who is the District’s AHERA "Designated Person"?
R: Jim Choate, Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations.

Q: What are the responsibilities of the "Designated Person"?

• R: Responsible for implementation of the AHERA Plan to manage asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) in the school buildings and compliance with the federal asbestos regulations.
Q: What is AHERA?
R: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) was implemented under the Toxic Substance Control Act in 1986. It was established to put protocols and procedures in place to deal with asbestos in school buildings.

Q: Are our schools asbestos safe?
R: Yes, according to national AHERA standards and guidelines.
Q: What have we done to comply with AHERA?

R:  
* Completed a 3 yr comprehensive AHERA Report
* Completed the first of five 6-month follow up inspection reports
* Provided AHERA training for all maintenance, grounds, custodial, warehouse, and site administration during the summer
* Provided each site a copy of its respective AHERA Report
Q: What is the 3 Year AHERA Report?
R: It is the comprehensive baseline report that governs all asbestos related issues within the District.

Q: What is the condition of the asbestos remaining in the District?
R: In its present condition, asbestos does not pose a health risk unless disturbed by renovation or maintenance activities.
Q: Has there always been asbestos in our schools ever since they were built?
R: Yes

Q: Is there any asbestos remaining in our schools?
R: Yes, there are trace amounts located in each school site as identified in our 3 Year AHERA Report with low potential for disturbance
Q: How do we know all our sites are safe?
R: With the help of professional environmental hygienists, we have identified, eliminated, abated, and/or mitigated all potential asbestos related risks at all our school sites, Maintenance, Operations and Transportation yard, the District Office, and leased sites.
Q: Define common terms related to asbestos

1. Encapsulate

R: Treatment of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) with a sealant material that surrounds or embeds asbestos fibers in an adhesive matrix to prevent the release of fibers. A bridging encapsulant creates a membrane over the surface.
2. Abatement
R: Procedures to control fiber release from asbestos containing material in a building by encapsulation, encasement, or removal.

3. Friable Asbestos
R: Asbestos containing material is considered friable if it can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure. If it can't, it's considered non-friable.
Q: Is there asbestos at Hope, Oak, and Lake?
R: Yes, any asbestos remaining is encapsulated and identified per our AHERA Plan

Q: Are the classroom environments at Hope, Oak, and Lake asbestos free?
R: Yes
Q: Are the classroom environments and at all of the schools in OVSD asbestos free?
R: Yes

Q: Are students and staff safe at all of the schools in OVSD?
R: Yes
Questions ?