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Dear Faculty, Staff, Parents/Guardians,

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which mandates the Asbestos-Containing Materials in School Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA-accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA-accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rules require our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos-containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in 1998 and identified some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we have continued to conduct periodic surveillance and re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff.

An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change.

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we are required to bi-annually notify parents, teachers, staff and employee organizations of the availability of the School’s Management Plan.

The EPA also requires us to perform periodic surveillance of the interior of each school building which contain asbestos-containing building material (ACBM) at least once every six months, this was completed in December 2019. The most recent 3 year comprehensive plan was conducted in December of 2019 and currently, all ACBM in this school is in good condition. We will continue to manage them in place, as recommended by our School Site Management Plan.

Our Asbestos Inspection Report and Plan is on file in our school’s Administrative Office. You are welcome to view it at any time during normal school hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shayne Greenland – Vice Principal
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