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**To: Principals, Faculty and Parents**

**From: Robert A. Cox, Superintendent of Public Buildings**

**Re: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)**

**Date: August 2010**

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed into law an amendment to the Toxic Substance Control Act requiring schools to determine the presence of asbestos containing building materials in all school buildings. That amendment, called the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requiring that all school be visually inspected by accredited inspectors and that bulk samples of suspected materials are taken where the material was not assumed to be asbestos. It further required that management plans be created for each individual building and that maintenance and custodial personnel receive training. The plan must be implemented and the training must be completed by July 9, 1989. The document is the Asbestos Management Plan which provides the means and methods to effectively deal with asbestos containing materials.

All phases of asbestos inspection and management planning are reported in this plan including: response action strategy, priorities, scheduling of abatement activities and coordination of personnel and evaluation of results. The plan has an additional function as a reporting document to that State. At the local level, the plan must be made available for general review by the school district.

The AHERA management plans for each school building is complete. The Shrewsbury Public Schools have completed the three year re-inspections.

All asbestos containing materials are kept in good condition and school department has taken all necessary actions to insure the safety of all building occupants.

Please feel free to call me if you have any question regarding this memo.