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Koreen Barreras-Brown, Superintendent

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RE: Asbestos Annual Notification

Dear Staff,

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The law requires all schools, Kindergarten through twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent and plan to control the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In the past, asbestos was used widely in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970's contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. Colton has buildings that contain asbestos materials. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

The inspection of our buildings was completed in the spring of 1989 and some asbestos-containing materials were identified. The materials are distributed in various locations and include floor tile, pipe insulation and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

Our Management Plan is on file for your review at the District Administrative Office at 30429 S Grays Hill Rd., Colton, Oregon. Copies of the individual building inspection reports are on file in each school's office.

The AHERA regulations require a re-inspection of the asbestos-containing building materials at least once every 3 years. An Asbestos Inspection Company completed a re-inspection in 1992, 1995 and again in 1998. Our last inspection by a certified inspector from Environmental Inspection Services was completed on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2018. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Management Plan, please feel free to contact me at [bjarnsone@colton.k12.or.us](mailto:bjarnsone@colton.k12.or.us) or call 503-550-0294.

Sincerely,

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