

(40 CRF 763) AHERA COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Immaculate Conception School
200 W Wayne Street
Celina, OH 45822

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its exceptional insulating, sounds absorbing, and fire retardant capabilities. Virtually, any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some form of asbestos. Intact and undisturbed, asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk to building occupants. Risk levels increase when damage, deterioration over time or neglect causes asbestos fibers to become released into the air. These fibers can lead to chronic health problems in some individuals if inhaled.

In 1986, the United States Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which required (and continues to require) schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials in buildings owned, operated or otherwise used for school purposes. During these original inspections, materials were located, sampled, quantified and ranked according to the hazards observed. Every three years, that same regulation requires Immaculate Conception School to have a re-inspection of the materials previously identified to determine whether the condition of those materials have changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the asbestos-containing building materials. The date of the last re-inspection for our school was August 19, 2014. ATC Associates Inc of Cincinnati, Ohio is scheduled to perform this re-inspection during the month of August 2017.

Further, AHERA required that an initial Management Plan, be generated and active for each school building by July 1989. The plan is a compilation of all inspection data generated, required compliance notification, abatement projects, training of employees and short-term workers and six month periodic surveillance events. Immaculate Conception School developed a plan as required. This document is available for public review and is located in the Parish Office. The school has a designated person who is responsible for AHERA compliance work. This individual is Lindsey Lunz and can be contacted at 419-586-6648 ext 302.

During the past year, asbestos-containing materials were removed from various areas of the school building. Mechanical insulation, flue insulation and fittings were removed from the first level boiler room of the new grade school building. LEPI Enterprises Inc., utilizing safe work practices, completed stated work July 23, 2016. Abatement removal records were created and the school's Management Plan amended.

It is the intention of Immaculate Conception School to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a safe and healthy environment in which to learn and work. Should you have additional questions or comments concerning asbestos, the School's Management Plan or any other safety and health need, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

We look forward to a successful, safe and rewarding school year.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Lunz
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Immaculate Conception Parish

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