July 31, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ASBESTOS

TO: Parent/Guardian

In accordance with federal regulations regarding asbestos in schools, a certified inspection of the Iowa City Community School District was conducted in October 1988. All asbestos found in the district has been identified as to the type, amount and location. This information and recommended response action is contained in the district’s AHERA Management Plan which is available for review in each building and the Physical Plant office.

A requirement of the federal regulations is to inform district employees and building occupants or their legal guardians once each year as to the inspection, the response action taken, re-inspections and surveillance activities that are planned or in progress. Certified re-inspections are required every three years, and all schools were re-inspected in 2017. Six-month surveillance was completed for all schools in January and July as required.

The Iowa City Community School District has an asbestos removal team that has been trained and certified by an Environmental Protection Agency accredited program. This district team has been equipped to perform emergency response action to remove asbestos material should it become damaged. Building custodians and Facilities Management staff have attended a 2-hour awareness training session outlining what action to take in the event of an asbestos accident.

Abatement work has been performed this year at Kirkwood and Wood Elementary schools, South East Junior High, and West High school, among others. Further abatement will be done as necessary. All work is performed by state-certified workers and conforms to AHERA regulations.

The district is aware of the health hazards of asbestos and is taking all measures to conform to federal and state regulations.