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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Staff:

Each year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires notification to parents, teachers, and other school employees of the response actions taken to safely maintain the asbestos containing materials (ACM) in our schools. As you may know, "asbestos" is a generic term for six naturally occurring fibrous minerals, which have been widely used in construction and friction materials because of their excellent insulative and resilient qualities.

When ACM begins to deteriorate, it becomes friable, a condition in which individual asbestos fibers can be released into the air, be breathed in by people, and potentially increase the risks to human health. Although all epidemiological evidence suggests that only heavy, occupational exposures to asbestos fibers over long periods of time lead to health effects, the EPA and the Butler School District are committed to eliminating asbestos fiber exposures within school buildings. To accomplish this, we've engaged the services of an environmental consulting firm.

Karl and Associates, Inc., Environmental Consultants, completed the district's 3 year inspection in March, 2007. In addition, in May 2009 a routine, semi-annual inspection was completed. The second semi-annual inspection will occur in November 2009. Copies of all semi-annual inspection reports for each building are filed in the district's Asbestos Management Plan, located in the Board Office, which you are welcome to review any time during normal business hours. Additionally, if you have any specific questions regarding our ACM management program, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Robert Hudson, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at 973-492-2000 ext. 232.

Sincerely,

Mario D. Cardinale
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