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TO: Patrons and Employees of the Augusta County Schools  
FROM: Ron N. Houser, Director of Operations and Maintenance  
SUBJECT: Asbestos Identification and Notification  
DATE: August 13, 2012

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

This memo is to provide annual notification and identification of the presence of asbestos in the Augusta County Schools.

In October, 1986, the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) was signed into law. It required the Environmental Protection Agency to develop regulations to provide a comprehensive framework for addressing asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. Some of these rules require school divisions to inspect for asbestos, develop asbestos management plans, and implement response actions. AHERA also requires an annual letter of notification be sent home to all parents and school employees of the school division regarding the availability of the school's asbestos management plan.

All Augusta County school facilities have been tested for asbestos by accredited engineering firms, BCM Potomac, Inc., Vienna, Virginia and Proactive Indoor Health Inc., Staunton, Virginia, and management plans have been prepared and implemented. Additionally, appropriate response plans are in place at the Augusta County Maintenance Department.

Results of the testing and analysis have shown that minimal asbestos is present on pipes, duct work, boilers, and in floor tile in some school buildings. The Management Plan, which includes laboratory reports, is available in each school affected and shows the location and amount of asbestos present. The detected asbestos is also monitored periodically and is undisturbed to prevent the fibers from becoming airborne. The Management Plans and subsequent updates are available for inspection during normal school business hours.

Augusta County's Management Plan and appropriate data has been filed with the Virginia Department of Energy and Facilities Services, each building's principal, and the Division Superintendent's office.

Questions regarding any of this information may be addressed through a particular school's principal and/or the Maintenance Department office.