

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY**

In 1987, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the final regulations for the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), 40 CFR Part 763. These regulations require local education agencies (LEAs) to prepare Asbestos Management Plans for facilities that have asbestos containing materials (ACM). An Asbestos Management plan must contain the following elements:

- Results of surveys and assessments of ACM in the facility, performed by certified inspection personnel
- A detailed plan for managing ACM in the facility and timeframes for removal, if applicable
- A program for operations and maintenance activities to avoid accidental disturbance of ACM during routine maintenance and for abatement services as required
- A program for periodic surveillance of ACM and an emergency response action plan to address unanticipated problems
- Provisions for centralized coordination of all aspects of the asbestos program

This notification is being provided to comply with the public notification requirement of AHERA. The asbestos management plan and the most recent inspection report for your school are available at the main office for review.

It is important to note that both the EPA and the Maryland State Department of the Environment (MDE) have indicated that the presence of ACM in buildings does not in itself constitute a health hazard. If the material is not damaged or disturbed, it is not a danger to workers or other occupants. The Montgomery County Public Schools Asbestos Management Program is designed to ensure that any ACM remain in good condition until removed during a major renovation or modernization project.