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John A. Palm, Ed.D., Superintendent

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TO: Puyallup School District Employee Bargaining Unit Representatives,
Parent, Teacher and Student Association Groups

RE: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Annual Notification Letter

In 1986 the United States Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). AHERA requires all public and private K-12 school districts to identify, inspect and categorize all asbestos containing materials (ACM) located in all school buildings within the district's authority. AHERA became law on July 9, 1989.

AHERA further requires school districts to develop an asbestos management plan (AMP) for each facility. The Puyallup School District has created and actively manages the AMP for each facility within our authority as required under EPA AHERA regulations. The AMP has several requirements: 1) Publish an annual notification letter on plan availability, recent asbestos projects and any planned asbestos projects. 2) Provide training for maintenance and custodial staff. 3) Have in place an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan. 4) Conduct 3-year re-inspections of all district facilities. 5) Conduct 6-month periodic surveillances of all known or assumed ACM's.

During the past year, the Puyallup School District has accomplished the following asbestos activities:

- Completed 6-month surveillances of all known or assumed ACM's.
- Conducted online asbestos training as required for maintenance and custodial staff.

During the 2019-2020 school year asbestos abatement projects were conducted at the following facilities:

- Ballou Junior High: Portables 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 had floor tiles with associated mastics and roofing material removed prior to demolition.
- Karshner Elementary: Old roofing material in the east wing attic (ongoing survey/abatement in other areas).

Asbestos projects are planned during the 2020-2021 school year at the following facilities:

- Old Firgrove Elementary: Portable 9 roofing and floor tile removal prior to demolition.
- Old Firgrove Elementary: Portable 12 asphaltic paper under floor tiles prior to demolition.
- Old Firgrove Elementary: Prior to demolition removal of roofing, pipe insulation, floor tile with associated mastics, switchgear insulators, clock mastic, thermal system insulation in crawl space, sink mastic, cove base mastic.
- Karshner Elementary: Asbestos survey is still ongoing due to the fire. Abatement will be conducted although amounts are unknown at this time.

A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available in the main office of each facility for review.

I, Mario Casello, am the AHERA Designated Person and all inquiries regarding the Asbestos Management Plan and asbestos activities can be directed to me at 253-841-8772.

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AHERA Designated Person

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