

Henry P. Becton Regional High School

C-ER Regional High School District | Proudly serving the communities of Carlstadt, East Rutherford and Maywood

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2022 – 2023 AHERA Yearly Notification Form

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants, and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound-absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to <u>damage</u> or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A-HER-A) which requires school's to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to conditions and potential hazard.

Every three years, Carlstadt-East Rutherford High School District has conducted a reinspection to determine whether the condition of the or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last reinspection, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and appropriate response actions were recommended.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. Carlstadt-East Rutherford High School District developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing building materials; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

During the past year, asbestos containing building materials have been removed, encapsulated, or enclosed in the following building Henry P. Becton Regional High School.

It is the intention of the Carlstadt-East Rutherford High School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan in the administrative office of the school during regular business hours.