

Annual Asbestos Notification 2023-2024 School Year

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. I.S.D. # 738 has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as, the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, I.S.D. 738 shall continue to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the school district were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and an independent laboratory analyzed samples. Based on the inspection, the district prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, I.S.D. #738 has completed its AHERA 3-year re-inspection requirement every three years. I.S.D. #738 buildings, where asbestos-containing materials were found, are under repair, removal and Operations and Maintenance.

This past year, I.S.D. #738 conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials.

Inspection which verified any asbestos in the buildings is maintained properly and covered appropriately.

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called “surveillance”) every six months of each area containing asbestos. Also the law requires for all buildings to be re-inspected every three years after a management plan is in effect. This will be accomplished under contract by Musser Environmental Consulting, Inc.

Short-term workers (outside contractors) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

I.S.D. #738 has a list of the location(s), types(s) of asbestos-containing materials found in that school building and a description and timetable for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the district office, which will establish contact with our Account Manager under contract with Musser Environmental, Inc. To reach Musser Environmental, Inc. to discuss the management of our asbestos materials or with any questions, Musser is available at (651) 388-7139.

Indoor Air Quality Parent Notification

July 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Re: Indoor Air Quality at I.S.D. #738

I.S.D. #738 now has in place a program to monitor and improve indoor air quality at our school. The Holdingford School District considers no objective more important than providing its' employees, students, and visitors a healthy, safe environment. Because we believe that indoor air quality is essential to this objective, we are sending this notification to inform parents, students and staff of our program to monitor and improve indoor air quality.

As part of the program implementation, an Indoor Air Quality Coordinator has been appointed. An annual walk-through will be performed by the Coordinator to evaluate school facilities for obvious water intrusion, ventilation failures, structural problems, overall cleanliness, and the status of the O&M program

In that we have adopted the EPA's Tools for Schools, the guidelines contained therein will be used to evaluate all classrooms, ventilation systems, and building maintenance issues.

The District's response to parental concerns will be timely and direct. Parent's questions are always welcome. If a concern would arise, we ask the parent contact, Dan Henry Indoor Air Quality Coordinator. The Coordinator will be able to assist in evaluating the child's home or other out of school situation. Additional information is available to parents about school facility construction; maintenance, housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, and other activities that may contribute to a child's symptoms.

I.S.D. #738 accepts the responsibility of monitoring indoor air quality and will/has conducted a survey of the mechanical ventilation rate of each occupied space in the District.

I.S.D. # 738 is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable, and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission-educating students. Our school will continue to follow EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many problems as possible.

If you would have any questions or concerns about this or any other health and safety program, please contact us at 746-2196.

Sincerely,

Chris Swenson
Responsible Person

Pesticide Notice #1
General Notice for Parents or Guardians
School Year 2023-2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

A Minnesota state law went into effect in year 2000 that requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property.

Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying at each school office.

State law also requires that you be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

If you would like to be notified prior to the pesticide applications made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule (excluding emergency applications), please complete and return the form below and mail it to Holdingford School District, P.O. Box 250, Holdingford, MN 56340. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Chris Swenson at 746-2196.

Sincerely,

Chris Swenson

Request for Pesticide Notification
Holdingford I.S.D. #738

I understand that the school will make available an estimated schedule of pesticide applications for review and copying at the school office. Should a pesticide application be scheduled on a day different from the day(s) specified in the original schedule, I would like to be notified. I understand that the school may ask me for reimbursement for the costs of notification

I would prefer to be notified by (circle): US Mail E-mail

Please print neatly:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Return to: Holdingford Public School District Office, P.O. Box 250, Holdingford, MN 56340