



# Meskwaki Settlement School



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## Annual Asbestos Notification

2016-2017

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA) and its regulations require public and non-profit schools including charter schools and schools affiliated with religious institutions to:

- Inspect schools for asbestos-containing building materials;
- Prepare an Asbestos Management Plan; and
- Take action to prevent or reduce asbestos hazards.

The AHERA was designed to determine the extent of asbestos exposure in schools and to act as a guide in formulating asbestos management policies for the schools. Schools are required to develop, maintain and update an *Asbestos Management Plan* and to keep a copy at each school. The *Asbestos Management Plan* is required to document the recommended asbestos response actions, the location of the asbestos within the school, and any action taken to repair and remove asbestos-containing materials.

Asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. Asbestos was commonly used for insulating, sound absorption, decorative plasters, fireproofing and a variety of miscellaneous uses. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began action to limit its use in 1973. Most asbestos-containing products used as building materials were banned in 1978.

### Findings

A certified asbestos inspector, as required by AHERA, has inspected the Meskwaki Settlement School facilities to locate, sample and determine the condition and hazard potential of material in the school facilities suspected of containing asbestos.

During the construction of the Meskwaki Settlement School, the Transportation Building at Meskwaki High School located at 1610 305<sup>th</sup> Street, Tama, Iowa; specifications forbid the use of any material containing asbestos. (AHERA 763.99 (a) (7)). Contractors were monitored in the use of all material used in the construction by the general contractor. Each contractor was required to submit a signed statement stating that no ACBM (asbestos containing building material) were used as a building material in the buildings.

During the construction of the facility, (Early Childhood Building during 2004) at the Meskwaki Settlement School site, located at 1610 305<sup>th</sup> Street, Tama, Iowa, specifications forbid the use of any material obtaining asbestos. (AHERA 763.99 (a) (7)). Contractors were monitored in the use of all material used in the construction by the general contractor. Each contractor was required to submit a signed statement stating that no ACBM (asbestos containing building material) was used in the building material in the buildings.

The school asbestos management plan for the facilities include: This notification letter. Education and training for Meskwaki Settlement School employees. Copies of all signed statements from contractors used in the construction of the facilities and procedures to insure that no ACM will be used in further construction or renovations of existing facilities.

The inspection findings and laboratory analysis records form the basis of the *Asbestos Management Plan* for the Meskwaki Settlement School that includes: notification, training for employees, procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos-containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of the materials. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for your inspection at our Administrative Offices and in the Facilities Directors office, 1610 305<sup>th</sup> Street, Tama, Iowa.

Mr. Jim Buffalo, Facilities Director, is the Asbestos Program Manager and all inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him.

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