

To: Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member  
From: Thomas Wiggins  
Date: September 2016  
Subject: Annual Asbestos Management Activity Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the Union Township Board of Education's recent and planned asbestos management activities, pursuant to the periodic notification requirement of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule" (40CFR 763, Subpart E, commonly referred to as the AHERA regulations).

In accordance with the Rule, the Board instituted Asbestos Management Plans in 1989 to address Asbestos-Containing Building Material (ACBM) identified in each of its facilities.

In previous years, the Board completed specific response actions to address all of the "priority ACBM" identified as its facilities. (Priority "ACBM" including easily damageable material such as insulation, ceiling tiles, etc.) Currently specific activities related to the district wide renovations and additions are being undertaken when necessary. Otherwise, the Board will continue to maintain other ACBM identified in place under the operations and maintenance program.

The last Three Year Inspection required by the Rule was completed in 2013 and periodic surveillances have been conducted prior to the last Three Year Re-inspection and will be conducted every six months thereafter. Documentation of this Re-inspection and the surveillances have been incorporated into the Board's Management Plan documentation. Surveillance and other consulting activities are being performed by Omega Environmental Services, Inc., a qualified asbestos management consultant retained by the board for assistance in these matters. Currently, all AHERA work is being done by the Omega Environmental Services, Inc.

The Asbestos Management Plan for each of the Board's facilities is available at each facility's main office as well as the Board's Business Office at 2369 Morris Avenue, during normal business hours. Questions should be directed to Thomas Wiggins at the Board's Business Office (908) 851-6427.

## **Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2016-17**

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member,

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Township of Union Public Schools has adopted and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, prevention approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

IPM Coordinator for Township of Union Public Schools is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Thomas Wiggins

Business Phone Number: 908-851-6427

Business Address: 2369 Morris Avenue Union, NJ 07083

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM Activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan Township of Union Public Schools may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants, and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.