

# Upsala Area Schools Annual Notifications

## ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

The Upsala Area Schools 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, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful 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 Upsala Area Schools were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved, a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, the Upsala Area Schools has completed their 3-Year Re-inspection required by AHERA. Our district buildings, where asbestos-containing materials were found are under repair, removal and Operations and Maintenance.

This past year Upsala Area Schools conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials: *\*Continued our Operations and Maintenance Program* Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law requires all buildings to be reinspected every three years after a management plan went into effect. MacNeil Environmental, Inc will accomplish this under contract. Short-term workers (outside contractors - i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the district's Designated Person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Upsala Area Schools has a list of the location(s) and type(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 Upsala Area Schools at 320-573-2176.

## GENERAL PESTICIDE NOTICE

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 pesticide applications made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule please contact Leon Fuchs at 320-573-2176.

## INDOOR AIR QUALITY

The Upsala Area Schools 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 follow the EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our school because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that affect the quality of the air we breathe.

School staff, students and parents can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child's home or other out of school situation by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information about school facility construction, maintenance and housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, chemical producing academic subjects, and pesticide and herbicide applications to determine the extent to which school activities contribute to a child's symptoms by contacting the school.

The Upsala Area Schools Indoor Air Quality contact person is Leon Fuchs. If there are any questions regarding the school's IAQ Program, please feel free to call the school at 320-573-2176.