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To Parents, Faculty & Staff:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retardant capabilities. The majority of buildings 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 due to damage or deterioration over time.

In 1986, The U.S. Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). Suspected ACBM are located, sampled, and rated according to condition and potential hazard.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place for school buildings. EnviroScience has provided AHERA services for the Taft school since the mid 2000's and Taft has developed plans as required by law, which will be continually updated. The plans have several ongoing requirements, which include this annual notification, plan availability for review, and the status of asbestos related activities.

It is the intention of the Taft School to comply with all Federal and State Regulations controlling asbestos and to take all actions necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. Asbestos Management Plans for the Taft School are available for review in the Facilities Department office.

James Shepard serves as the AHERA designated person for the Taft School. All inquiries regarding the asbestos plan or asbestos related issues should be directed to him.

Thank You,

The Taft School