

# SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## ANNUAL LETTER TO PARENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

TO: Swampscott Public Schools parents, faculty, and staff  
FROM: Superintendent, Pamela R.H. Angelakis, M.A., M.Ed.  
DATE: August 17, 2016  
RE: Asbestos Containing Material

Environmental Protection Agency issues in 1987 under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act requires public schools (K through 12) be inspected every 3 years by a licensed asbestos inspector.

For a good many years asbestos was a generally accepted building material. Over time, awareness developed of the potential hazards of asbestos fibers if released into the air. By the mid-1980's health concerns associated with airborne fibers were widely recognized.

"ESIS Health, Safety & Environmental" recently performed the AHERA 3-Year Re-Inspection on July 7, 2016. The licensed inspector checked for the presence and conditions of all visible asbestos both friable and non-friable.

The inspector concluded that all areas frequented by students and staff throughout the Swampscott Public Schools facilities were properly maintained. ESIS Health, Safety & Environmental and the Swampscott Public Schools personnel are very confident that students, faculty, and staff are not exposed to the potential hazards of airborne asbestos fibers.

The recent A.H.E.R.A. 3-Year Re-Inspection Reports are available for reading in the main office of each building during normal business hours.