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MEMORANDUM

To: Principals, Faculty, and Parents

From: Peter Cabral, Safety Officer

Date: November 8, 2016

Subject: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed into law an amendment to the Toxic Substance Control Act requiring schools to determine the presence of asbestos building materials in all school buildings. That amendment, called the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), required that all school buildings be visually inspected by accredited inspectors and that bulk samples of suspected materials are taken where the material was not assumed to be asbestos. It further required that management plans be created for each individual building and that the maintenance and custodial personnel receive training. The plan must be implemented and the training must be completed by July 9, 1989. This document is the Asbestos Management Plan which provides the means and the methods to effectively deal with asbestos containing building materials.

All phases of asbestos inspection and management planning are reported in this including: response action strategy, priorities, scheduling of abatement activities coordination of personnel and evaluation of results. The plan has an additional function as a reporting document to that State. At the local level, the plan must be made available for general review by the school district.

The AHERA management plans for each school building is complete and a copy is located in the main office of each school, as well as in the Office of the District Safety Officer. New Bedford Public Schools has completed all three (3) year re-inspections.

All asbestos containing materials are kept in good condition and the school department has taken all necessary actions to insure the safety of all buildings occupants.

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