



## NEW YORK AND VIRGINIA DDESS

Superintendent's Office  
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

December 17, 2008

Dear Parents and Staff,

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), of 1986, an accredited inspector completed an asbestos containing material (ACM) in the New York and Virginia District, DDESS school buildings located at West Point, New York, on November 3, 2008. The inspection was conducted in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) guidelines. The next six-month surveillance inspection will be conducted in May 2009.

As required by the AHERA of 1986, a visual inspection of known ACMs at the West Point Elementary and Middle schools was conducted. The inspection revealed that the ACM is in generally good condition. However, the following ACM has been recommended for removal:

### West Point Elementary

1. Wall board in the left stage area in the multipurpose room.
2. Fifteen square feet of vinyl tiles in the mechanical room.

### West Point Middle School

1. Roof Flashing (identified during current roof replacement project).
2. Multiple stair landings, 9x9 vinyl tile.
3. Kitchen floor tiles near the walk-in cooler.

Project specifications are being prepared and the projects are expected to be completed during "non-school" days such as winter and summer breaks. Other areas containing ACM do not require immediate abatement.

As required by EPA, a periodic surveillance program is in effect for asbestos materials that remain in place and the condition will be closely monitored. When repair projects are undertaken in areas with asbestos-containing materials, they are removed as part of the project.

Copies of the inspection reports, periodic surveillance records, and the school's Asbestos Management Plan are kept in the school's office. These documents are available for your review. It is required that all occupants and users of buildings containing asbestos receive notice of this information on an annual basis.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Michael A. Gould  
District Superintendent