



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
W. R. Farrington High School
1564 North King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

July 21, 2017

Dear Faculty, Staff, Parents/Guardians:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in School Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an ADHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rules require our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in 1988 and identifies some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct periodic surveillance and re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff.

An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change.

There have been some changes to the management plans as Farrington High School has had minor release incidents.

Officials from the DOE, contractors working on various projects on campus, and School Administration have followed up on the following minor release episodes and or projects requiring abatement.

1. Band-room equipment room and office.
2. Shop 2 classroom.
3. Various rooms in A Building (Electrical Upgrade Project).
4. A 143 VP Foyer, IT closet, storage.

All the areas affected has been cleared and declared safe, or will be abated by a certified company soon. As our school redesign projects continue, there will be more updates and changes to the Management Plan. Our custodians have been trained in asbestos awareness and protocols on May 30, 2017, and June 30, 2017. We assure you that practices and communication are in place to assure student and worker safety. The Asbestos Management Plan is available for your viewing in the Administration Office. Office hours are 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-305-5000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfredo Carganilla".

Alfredo Carganilla,
Principal, W.R. Farrington High School