

ASBESTOS INFORMATION

The purpose of this information is to give an annual notification on the asbestos within our school system. You should be aware that all our schools do contain asbestos building materials within them. All the asbestos has been inspected by an accredited inspector and documented in the School Asbestos Management Plans.

By Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, the asbestos within the schools must be inspected every six months. Much of this asbestos is checked on a weekly to daily basis by our custodial and maintenance staff. This year a required three year reinspection of all asbestos containing materials was completed at all schools.

At Valley View School all the asbestos floor tile and mastic in the kitchen area was removed during the first week of July. Also all asbestos Thermal System Insulation (TSI) in the basement area was removed and reinsulated with new insulation. This removal has been documented in the school, Asbestos Activities / Response Actions book.

All asbestos removal is documented in the schools' asbestos management plans. If you should have any questions concerning the asbestos within our schools or the management plans, please contact Mr. Paul Bengston at 342-3428.

PESTICIDES

Annual Notification 2009

The Portland Public Schools in compliance with State of Connecticut, General Statutes Section 22a-661. Has set the following policies to comply with the statute and to provide a safer environment for our students and employees.

All pest control on school property will consist of a monthly inspection with a professional licensed inspector and the head custodian of each school. An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) control plan has been adopted and will be used for pest control. Monitoring devices will be placed in identified areas and checked monthly. Pest control will consist of non-toxic ways of eliminating pests: fly swatters, vacuuming, bee collectors, borax, boric acid, glue boards, and gels. A Registry of Persons Requesting Prior Notice of Pesticide Application will be available in the Superintendent's office. Those who wish to be notified in the event of a pesticide application must send a letter. All pesticides will be applied by licensed commercial contractors only. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are on file for all products used for pest control and are available in the Maintenance Dept. office at the Brownstone Intermediate School, 314 Main Street, Portland, CT, 06480.

Prior Notice of Pesticide Applications will be posted on the Portland Public Schools website, www.portlandetschools.org, in school newsletters, and in the Rivereast newspaper