



## TALCOTT MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER & ACADEMY

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Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants, and Employees:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding properties. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970's contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally pose little hazard to human health. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which required schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy conducts a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed ACBMs has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM.

The law further required an asbestos management plan to be in place. Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy has developed a plan for the school, as required, which will be continually updated. The plan also requires that a periodic surveillance be performed every six months to document the condition of these materials to assure that they remain in good condition. If any signs of decay or damage are detected, they are managed by Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy in accordance with recommendations provided by Fuss & O'Neill, our State of Connecticut-licensed asbestos management planners. It is the intention of Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan at the central office where copies of the plan are maintained during regular business hours. John Pellino is Talcott's AHERA designed person, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos management plans and asbestos-related issues should be directed to him at (860) 677-8571. Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy is committed to providing safe schools for all students and employees in our district and we thank you for your attention to this important issue.



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