

MANAGING ASBESTOS IN SCHOOL FACILITIES

It is the intent of the Board of Education to be in compliance with the regulations of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA) and the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter ENV-C 400 Asbestos Management and Control. The regulations require schools to conduct inspections, develop comprehensive asbestos management plans, and select asbestos response actions to deal with asbestos hazards.

The Board of Education and the School Administration are committed to a pro-active, in-place management program whenever asbestos is discovered. In many buildings, a well run operations and maintenance (O & M) program may be all that is necessary to control the release of asbestos fibers until the asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in the building are abated through renovation or demolition activities.

The Board of Education in consultation with the School Administration will determine on a case-by-case basis what type of asbestos control and management program should be implemented in the school facilities to minimize the release of asbestos fibers into the air and reduce building occupants' risk of asbestos-related disease.