

Hanalei Elementary School 5-5415 Kuhio Highway Hanalei, Hawaii 96714

April 27, 2022

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Parents/Guardians:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools 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 AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the 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 rule requires 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 May 1989 and identified some asbestos-containing materials. However, the school has subsequently undergone renovation which removed all asbestos-containing materials. The 2019 Re-Inspection, conducted in July 2020, confirmed that the school is currently asbestos-free.

An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health. The management plan has been updated to reflect our asbestos-free status.

A copy of the management plan is on file in the administrative office and is available for your review during our regular school hours.

Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-826-4300 or the Environmental Services Unit at 808-784-5060.

Sincerely,

Tony Sines

Principal