

MOUNTAIN LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTIFICATION
ASBESTOS

Mountain Lake Public Schools, in accordance with the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), continues to implement an E.P.A. approved asbestos management plan. This plan has been developed to identify and manage asbestos containing materials within the ISD #173 building. ISD #173 approaches this issue in a safe and proactive manner to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and other building occupants.

If you have questions regarding the district's asbestos management plan, it is on file in the district office and is available for public viewing during normal district business hours. Should you have questions regarding this information please contact the Mountain Lake Public Schools District Office at 507-427-2325.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ)

Mountain Lake Public Schools ISD #173 in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have developed an indoor air quality management plan. A factor of the IAQ management plan is the following yearly correspondence to all district residents on the status of IAQ issues within the district. IAQ related activities have occurred on an annual basis, as recommended by the EPA and MDE such as teacher surveys, building walkthroughs, building maintenance surveys and ventilation checks.

Throughout the upcoming year ISD #173 will continue to respond to IAQ concerns in a proactive manner to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and building visitors. Anyone with questions should contact the Mountain Lake Public Schools District Office @ 507-427-2325.

PEST MANAGEMENT

Notice Concerning Use of Pesticides

All Minnesota schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide applications on school property. Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents or other pests as defined by the law. (M.S. 123B.575, Subd.9)

Pests having the potential to sting, bite, contaminate, cause property damage, spread disease, cause asthma and/or trigger an allergic reaction. Therefore, we must prevent and control them. Our district utilizes the service of a licensed, professional pest control firm for the prevention and control of pests in and around district buildings and grounds. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to Federal law.

Because long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood, the district requires the least amount and least toxic pesticides available be used.

Mountain Lake Public Schools utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service for the prevention and control of rodents, insects and other pest in and around the district's buildings. Their program consists of:

- 1) Inspection and monitoring to determine whether pests are present, and whether treatment is needed.
- 2) Recommendations for maintenance and sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials
- 3) Utilization of non-chemical measures such as traps, caulking and screening.
- 4) Application of EPA-registered pest control materials when needed.

An estimated schedule of interior pest control inspections and possible treatments is available for review or copying at each school office. A similar estimated schedule is available for application of herbicides and other materials to school grounds. Parents of students may request to receive, at their expense, prior notification of any application of a pest control material, should such and application be deemed necessary on a day different from the days specified in the schedule.

To make such a request, please fill out a request form at the District office. Any questions you may have regarding the ISD #173 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program or practices should be directed to Mountain Lake Public Schools District Office @ 507-427-2325.

LEAD-IN-WATER ANNUAL NOTICE

Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving prekindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and to notify parents of the availability of the information. Notification may be accomplished by publishing a statement in the "Back to School" newsletter or publication that is available to staff, student, parents and the public.

Mountain Lake Public School District is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan and testing program that complies with Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

For more information please contact Mountain Lake Public Schools District Office @ 507-427-2325.