

2020-21 NOTIFICATION RE. ASBESTOS

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The Stephen/Argyle Central Schools has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as, the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the Stephen-Argyle Central Schools were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for the safe and responsible handling of asbestos within its buildings. This past year Stephen-Argyle Central Schools conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

*Implemented our Operations and Maintenance Program

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law requires all buildings to be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect. MacNeil Environmental, Inc will accomplish this under contract. Areas where management issues are noted during inspections and surveillances have been, and will continue to be, dealt with promptly.

Short-term workers (outside contractors - i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Stephen/Argyle Central School has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos-containing materials found in that school building and a description and time-table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Stephen/Argyle Central School at 218-478-3315.

Pesticide Notice
General Notice for Parents or Guardians
Stephen/Argyle Central School District

September 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian:

A Minnesota State law went into effect in the year 2000 that requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they make application of certain pesticides on school property. Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying at each school office.

State law also requires that you be told that the 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.

If you would like to be notified prior to pesticide application made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule (excluding emergency applications), please complete and return the form below and mail it to: Chris Mills, Stephen/Argyle Central Superintendent, P.O. Box 68, Stephen, MN. If you have any questions regarding the notice, please contact Chris Mills at 437-6616 (Argyle) or 478-3315 (Stephen).

Request For Pesticide Notification
Stephen/Argyle Central School District

RETURN ONLY IF YOU WISH NOTIFICATION.

I understand that the school will make available an estimated schedule of pesticide applications for review and copying at the school office. Should a pesticide application be scheduled on a day different from the day(s) specified in the original schedule, I would like to be notified. I understand that the school may ask me for reimbursement for the cost of notification.

I would prefer to be notified by (circle): US Mail E-mail

Please print neatly:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Return to: Chris Mills, Stephen/Argyle Central Superintendent,
P.O. Box 68, Stephen, MN

STEPHEN-ARGYLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Indoor Air Quality Notice

STEPHEN-ARGYLE School District is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission—educating students. Our school will follow the EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our school, because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that affect the quality of air we breathe.

School staff, students, and parents can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child's home or other out of school situation by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information about school facility construction, maintenance and housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, chemical producing academic subjects, and pesticide and herbicide applications to determine the extent to which school activities contribute to a child's symptoms by contacting the school.

The STEPHEN-ARGYLE School District Indoor Air Quality contact person is Mark Hendrickson. If there are any questions regarding the school's IAQ Program, please feel free to call the school at 218-478-3315.