

TO: Parents of Students Attending River (Sodus Township #5) School District
FROM: Troy Boone, Supervisor of Facilities and Operations, Berrien RESA
DATE: July 13, 2021
SUBJECT: Notification of Asbestos for 2021-2022

Notification of AHERA Regulation:

Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987

River School District Notification of Asbestos 2021-2022

In October of 1987, the U.S. Congress passed the Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987. In March of 1988, the Administration approved an environmental consultant to help the district meet the new federal regulations. Berrien RESA has been and follows all AHERA regulations. Berrien RESA Schools have continued to complete the required inspections and have retained Villa Environmental Consultants, Inc. to both inspect and test for asbestos in accordance with the AHERA regulations. In accordance with AHERA, a management plan was developed, sent to the State of Michigan and was approved. The management plan can be reviewed in the River School office. Berrien RESA will conduct response actions and abatement actions when any asbestos material is expected to be disturbed. In accordance with AHERA regulations, Berrien RESA has been conducting six-month periodic inspections. The next three-year re-inspection of the total school system will be completed in 2022.