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The following is provided for your information. If you have questions, please call the school district office at 507.663.0600.

Indoor Air Quality

Northfield Public Schools continues to improve an indoor air quality management plan for the district. The management plan is based on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Tools for Schools." It addresses policies and procedures that will be used in the schools to address indoor air quality issues. The plan's goal is to provide indoor air quality that contributes to a favorable learning environment for students, productivity for teachers and staff, and an environment that is as healthy as possible. However, the intent of the plan is not to solve all indoor air quality concerns in a school, rather the intent is to provide a road map to assist in managing indoor air quality. The Indoor Air Quality Committee has joined the Health and Safety Committee to review and continually update the management plan.

If you have any questions concerning indoor air quality or would like to see the EPA Tools for Schools checklists, please contact the District Indoor Air Quality Coordinator at (507) 663-0610.

Janet B. Johnson Parents' Right-to-Know Act

Northfield Public Schools recognizes the importance of our students' and employees' health and well-being. Therefore, we are examining and reducing our use of pesticides and utilizing Integrated Pest Management techniques in our school buildings and on school grounds to minimize the possible long-term unknown health effects of pesticides. Northfield Public Schools will make available, in the school district office, for parents and employees, the estimated schedule of application of pesticides classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as designated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Parents may also request that the school district notify him/her prior to the application of such pesticides on a day different from the days specified in the notice. If a person would like to be notified prior to application, please provide an email address or a name and telephone number to the Buildings & Grounds Department at 507.663.0610.

AHERA Annual Asbestos Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 requires the district to notify parents annually concerning asbestos-containing building materials in the schools, and that the management plan for each building is available for their review. 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 every three years after a management plan went into effect.

Any questions concerning this notice, or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to the Director of Buildings and Grounds at 507.663.0610.

Lead-In-Water Annual Notification

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, students, parents and the public.

Northfield Public Schools is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan, which is available to view on the district website, 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). Lead in Water results can be reviewed at the District Office.

Northfield Public Schools last completed Lead in Water testing in 2022 and Radon testing of school district facilities in 2022. State law mandates lead in water testing every 5 years and radon testing is recommended every 5 years. Northfield Public Schools will be completing both areas of testing again in 2027 as mandated by law and the school district's plan.

For more information on Northfield Public Schools lead reduction and testing program, please contact the Director of Buildings and Grounds at 507.663.0610.