

# **Medford Area Public Schools**

## **Annual Asbestos Awareness Refresher**

- Our District has an asbestos management plan (AMP), which consists of a binder located in each building, a copy of all binders in the district's designated person's office (Dave Makovsky) and also at the district office.

The binder includes a listing of all areas and items that asbestos has been detected in. The binders also have the six month surveillances and a copy of the AHERA (**A**sbestos **H**azard **E**mergency **R**esponse **A**ct), which has a mandated three year reinspection.

- Dave Makovsky is the district's designated person, which means if anyone has a question concerning asbestos they should ask Dave, not that he will always have the answer, but he will be able to find the answer.
- Jeff Neitzel and Ed Piller have had training in Operation and Maintenance. This means, if an area gets disturbed, they can bag up the asbestos. Not saying they will, but just in case, they can. Depending on each situation, we might decide to have an abatement crew come in.
- There are potential health risks when working with asbestos, including: asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma.
- When our asbestos management plan was created, only certain items were classified as having asbestos in them. Today, other items have been tested and small amounts of asbestos have been found in those items as well. So even it is believed that a material is not containing asbestos, still treat it as if it contains asbestos.
- Signage on confirmed asbestos containing building materials should be displayed where feasible/practicable.
- Good work practices to ensure that asbestos fibers are not released into the environment, within our buildings, including no buffing/burnishing and monitor all activities closely to verify work is not disturbing materials, ect.
- If any materials have been disturbed or believed to have been disturbed, please inform the Medford Area Public School District Designated person (Dave Makovsky).
- Wear the necessary PPE if cleaning up any asbestos containing debris.
- The relationship between smoking and asbestos increases the likelihood of lung cancer.