

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This required schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. All Otselic Valley Central School buildings were inspected and suspected materials were sampled to be tested and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, Otselic Valley is required to be re-inspected to determine if any known or suspected asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) have changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be developed to monitor any known or suspected ACBM. The plan has several ongoing requirements: This notification letter announcing the availability of the management plans for anyone to review upon request, training of the support staff about asbestos and how to deal with it, notifying short-term workers such as subcontractors of the locations of any known or suspected ACBM, and posting of warning signs adjacent to locations of known or suspected ACBM. The designated asbestos coordinator conducts a six-month inspection of areas of the buildings where known or suspected ACBM are located to ensure they remain in good condition.

It is the intention of Otselic Valley Central Schools to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan upon request.

Please contact Daniel Silky, Asbestos Designee, 315-653-7218, with any questions or concerns.