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Dear Parents, Legal Guardians, Building Occupants, Workers, Employees, and Employee Organizations:

RE: ANNUAL ASBESTOS AND PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, Quincy School District has conducted a reinspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last reinspection, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos-containing were inspected and found to be in good condition.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. Quincy School District developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos-containing materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos-containing building materials; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

In 1998, asbestos-containing materials were removed or encapsulated at all district buildings with the exception of the textured ceiling finish in one portable classroom at Quincy High School. No additional removal of asbestos-containing materials is planned at this time.

It is the intention of the Quincy School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan in our school district administrative office or the individual school administrative office during regular business hours. Mr. Tom Harris is our designated asbestos program coordinator, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and the asbestos-related issues should be direct to him at (509) 787-8998.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

Quincy School District uses different types of pesticides to control weeds around the school grounds and in the greenhouse for the Ag program. To stay in compliance with new pesticide law enacted in July 2002 the school district has adopted the following Pesticide Policy.

Quincy School District uses the following pesticides:

- **Glystar 5 Extra** is used on a regular basis to help with the control of weeds around fence lines, playfield perimeters, baseball and softball infields, cracks in asphalt and concrete, gravel parking lots, and around the perimeter of buildings.
- **Weedar 64** is used to control dandelions and clover in grass on the playfields at each school applied in the Spring.
- **2-4-D Amine** is used to control dandelions and clover in grass on the playfields at each school applied in the Spring.
- **Casoron-4G** is used in a granular form to control weeds in shrub beds around the district and under the tree line at the QMS football stadium. Application rate is one to two times per year.
- **Trimac Plus** controls a wide variety of problem weed species in lawns such as crabgrass, dallisgrass, nutsedge, spurge, etc.
- **Ant and Roach Bait Stations** are used to control ants and cockroaches in classrooms as needed throughout the school district buildings. These two items are purchased at the local hardware store and will not be place din reach of children therefore do not fall under the notification guidelines.
- **Surflan** is a pre-emergent herbicide used on broad leaf weeds along fence lines.
- **Talstar One** is a pesticide used to control insects indoors and outdoors in lawn and landscaped areas.
- **Tempo 20 WP** is a pesticide used to control pests indoors and outdoors in trees and landscaped areas.
- **Green Thumb Wasp and Hornet Foaming Spray** is used for wasp and hornet control.
- **Enforcer Wasp and Yellow Jacket Spray** is used for wasp and yellow jacket control.
- **Noxall** is used in greenhouse Ag area at QHS to control weeds.

All the above products are used according to the label specifications registered by the EPA and are labeled for use in school applications and are registered in the state of Washington.

Contracted Pest Services: Quincy School District does have a contract with an outside contractor to help with the control of insects in the kitchens and boiler rooms at each school building which requires notification posting. Contractor will call the Facilities Director in advance of any visits to the school kitchens and boiler rooms so the proper notification can be posted. The products used in these areas are as follows:

- **Dual Choice** is used periodically to control ants
- **Niban FG** is a powder form used periodically for ants.
- **Max Force** is a gel form used periodically for ants.
- **Generation Mini Blocks** is used periodically for roach control.

All of the above products are used according to label specifications registered by the EPA.

Pesticide Notification Posting: Quincy School District will post notifications of pesticide application 48 hours in advance of the intended application date and time, in a prominent place by the entrance to the main office of the school where the application is to occur. QSD has 48 hours from the intended application time to apply the product. If the product is not applied within the 48 hour time frame the notification process must start over. QSD will post in the office area and at the site for emergency applications such as wasp and bee control on playground areas.

Records of pesticide use: Records of pesticide application will be kept on file at the Quincy School District Facilities/Maintenance Department and can be readily available by request by contacting the Facilities Director at 509-787-8998.

Annual Pesticide Summary: An annual summary of Quincy School District’s pesticide use will be made available in September of each year upon request of interested parties. Annual summary reports can be obtained upon request by contacting the QSD Facilities/Maintenance Department at 509-787-8998

If you are interested in being notified 48 hours in advance of any pesticide application please fill out the information below and send it back to the QSD District Office at 119 J Street SW Quincy, WA 98848. You will be put on a notification list for the are you specify.

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Location of the areas you would like to be notified: School Name(s): _____

District Wide: _____