

## NOTICE

An environmental engineering firm recently completed a study to determine the presence and location of friable and non-friable asbestos materials in all buildings at Gadsden City Schools. All buildings were inspected in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for asbestos-containing materials. (i.e. 40 CFR Part 763).

Asbestos poses a widespread concern for everyone since it was used extensively in buildings and homes constructed from 1946 through 1973 for insulation, acoustical purposes and/or fire retardation. During that time, asbestos was a government-approved building material because of its fire retardant and insulating properties. However, airborne asbestos fibers are a health hazard and have been linked with different types of abdominal and lung cancers. We are committed to taking corrective measures, and our asbestos control efforts will be based on the advice of experts knowledgeable in asbestos abatement techniques.

The purpose of this notice is to advise you as to where asbestos containing materials are located at each facility. Please refer to the list located at each facility to find whether or not you normally access an asbestos area. Custodians and Maintenance personal have undertaken asbestos cleaning procedures and other control techniques which will drastically reduce the potential risk associated with airborne asbestos fibers. It is advisable to not disturb any material found to contain asbestos as doing so will cause asbestos contamination of the air. Warning posters have been placed at all locations where friable asbestos has been found to notify the entrant /occupant of the situation and its potential hazards.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anthony Goodwin, Facilities Manager at 256-543-3512 or send a letter to Gadsden City Board of Education, 1026 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.