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Aloha e nā 'Ohana Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo:

In 1986, congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, 40 CFR Part 763, which requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rule requires our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our Hale Lamalama campus located at 113 Kuawa St. was conducted and some asbestos containing materials were identified. Since identification, an asbestos management plan was developed and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health (AHERA Management Plan - Ka Umeke Kaeo PCS.pdf). It outlines in details the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change. A copy of the management plan is on file in the ke'ena at both campuses and is available for your review during our regular school hours. we have developed a management plan and are conducting periodic surveillances and re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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