



**QUAD CITIES
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

4000 11th Street, Moline, Illinois 61265
Phone: 309-762-3800

September 29, 2015

Dear Parents and Staff:

By law we are mandated to provide an update on the status of asbestos in our school each year.

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 1970's 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 fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

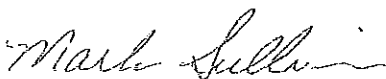
In 1986, congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which requires schools to be inspected in order to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard.

Every three years, QCCS will conduct a re-inspection 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 inspection, conducted in 2012, all materials listed in the QCCS Plan as asbestos-containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and their condition did not warrant any further activities at this time (i.e. removal or encapsulation).


The QCCS asbestos management plan has been in place since January 31, 2012. QCCS 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 its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; 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.

During the past year, no asbestos related activities were conducted at our school building. There are no asbestos related activities scheduled for any school building in the upcoming year. It is the intention of QCCS to comply with all federal and state regulations to control asbestos and 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 the school office during regular business hours, which are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mr. John Vanwalbeek, Board President, is our designated asbestos program coordinator, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos related issues should be directed to him at the School Office.

Sincerely,



Mark Sullivan
Principal


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Dear Parents and Staff:

As you may be aware, all Illinois schools are required by a law that mandates that all schools in our state must adopt an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan.

At QCCS we have used this approach for several years to remain in compliance with this law. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and by eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We continually monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that may be present.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem especially in the area of the yard and athletic field to control weeds and the cafeteria kitchen to assure the continued sanitation of the kitchen. When chemicals are used, the school will try to use the least toxic products available as we have done in the past.

Parents or Guardians of students enrolled at QCCS may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on the registry, please notify the office in writing. Please include the following:


- 1. Name of the Parent or Guardian to be notified**
- 2. Name of Student**
- 3. Address**
- 4. Phone Number**

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by email to any parent or guardian who has requested such in writing.

Each year QCCS will prepare a new notification registry. Please submit a letter each year to be included on the registry.

If you have any questions, please contact: Mark Sullivan, school principal or John Vanwalbeek, board president at the school office.

Sincerely,



Mark Sullivan