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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Although we may not realize it, asbestos is a common material in almost every building in our society. It is a fireproofing material; it is found in floor tiles; it is used as an acoustical material to deaden sound. Under certain conditions, however, when it is damaged, asbestos can prove to be a concern.

Several years ago, because of that concern, the Federal Government asked every school in the country to conduct an inspection for all asbestos-containing materials.

The inspection of our school revealed asbestos-containing materials. "It is," as the Environmental Protection Agency states, "important to note that not all friable asbestos-containing material need be removed from schools. Once such material has been identified, a program can be implemented to insure that the material is maintained in good condition, and that appropriate precautions are followed when the material is disturbed for any reason."

Nevertheless, in order to insure that no danger arises in the future from the friable asbestos, corrective action has been taken.

Furthermore, in any student access area where friable asbestos has been detected, environmental engineers have been retained to do inspection and evaluation work in order to advise what, if any, steps are required to insure the ongoing welfare of students and staff, and to assure that no student or staff member will be exposed to unsafe levels of friable asbestos.

The Archdiocese has spent over 10 million dollars in the abatement of asbestos since 1983 (long before the current regulations), and will continue with its commitment to provide a safe environment for our students and employees. The Management Plan is available to all parents and staff during regular school hours.

Sincerely,

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