



# St. Gregory the Great Academy

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Dear Parents,

Peace be with you! Virtually every commercial building which was constructed prior to 1980 was constructed using asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). St. Gregory the Great Academy was constructed in 1965, hence we must comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). To comply with this act, each primary and secondary school in the nation is required annually to inform all parents, teachers, and staff as to the availability of their asbestos management plan as well as any asbestos-related activities which have taken place in the previous year. **Within the last 12 months, ACBM removal has taken place at St. Gregory the Great Academy. Specifically, transite window sills were removed from the Technology Lab, the Main Office, and the Principal's Office.**

St. Gregory the Great Academy is in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit as well as the letter of the law. All asbestos on the campus has either been removed or is being managed according to federal law. A periodic surveillance of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) is performed in the school building every six months. A complete re-inspection of all buildings containing asbestos is completed every three years by a licensed contractor, and was last completed in September 2014. A three year re-inspection is scheduled for September 2017. Information about these inspections is included in the AHERA Asbestos Management Plan which can be found in the Academy Main Office. The 2014 re-inspection found no change in the status of asbestos in the school building.

Short-term workers (outside contractors - i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) are provided information regarding the location of the ACBM and instructed on how to avoid disturbing it.

Please note that the Parish Center was completed in 1990, and thus does not contain ACBM. No further action is necessary in the Parish Center under AHERA.

The Academy's Asbestos Management Plan is located in the Main Office, and may be reviewed during normal office hours. We will notify you of the findings of our periodic re-inspections and any asbestos-related work to be done on the premises. As a matter of policy, St. Gregory the Great Academy shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our students and employees.

May peace and every blessing be yours,

Jason C. Briggs, Ed.D.

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