

The following is provided for your information. If you have questions, please call the District office at 507/663-0600.

Indoor Air Quality

Northfield Public Schools continues to improve its indoor air quality management plan. The management plan is based on the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) "Tools for Schools." It addresses policies and procedures that will be used in the schools to address indoor air quality issues. The plan's goal is to provide indoor air quality that contributes to a favorable learning environment for students, productivity for teachers and staff, as well as an environment that is as healthy as possible. However, the intent of the plan is not to solve all indoor air quality concerns in a school, rather the intent is to provide a road map to assist in managing indoor air quality. The Indoor Air Quality Committee has joined the Health and Safety Committee to review and update the management plan and intend to have the Board of Education approve the latest plan during the 2010-2011 school year.

If you have any questions concerning indoor air quality, or would like to see the EPA Tools for Schools checklists, please contact the District Indoor Air Quality Coordinator at (507) 663-0610.

Janet B. Johnson Parents' Right-to-Know Act

Northfield Public Schools recognizes the importance of our students' and employees' health and well-being.

Therefore, we are examining and reducing our use of pesticides and utilizing Integrated Pest Management techniques in our school buildings and on school grounds to minimize the possible long-term unknown health effects of pesticides.

Northfield Public Schools will make available, in the school district office, for parents and employees, the estimated schedule of application of pesticides classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as designated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Parents may also request that the school district notify him/her prior to the application of such pesticides on a day different from the days specified in the notice. If a person would like to be notified prior to application, please provide an e-mail address or a name and phone number to the Buildings and Grounds Department at 663-0610.

AHERA Annual Asbestos Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 requires the district to notify parents annually concerning asbestos-containing building materials in the schools, and that the management plan for each building is available for their review. During the past 2009-2010 school year, Northfield Public Schools removed asbestos from locations at the high school. This project was related to the removal of floor tile to upgrade the Nurses area, the Computer Server room and entrances to the gym. Sibley Elementary removed asbestos that was in the old boiler and in areas that would be affected by the remodeling project at Sibley School. For the 2010-2011 school year, Northfield Public Schools will be repairing or removing asbestos at Northfield High School, Sibley Elementary and Longfellow School. Some mechanical areas at Longfellow School will need asbestos removed as work is being done for the replacement of the boilers. The work at Sibley School is completing the remodeling project. It is our intent to complete most, if not all, of these projects when school is not in session. Any questions concerning this notice or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to Kevin Larson at 507-663-0610.