



# LEGAL UPDATE

For Ohio Community School Boards



## ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

A recent public records request sent to many schools across Ohio has raised questions about asbestos in schools. Public schools in the U.S. are legally obligated to protect students and employees from asbestos exposure.

The federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires schools to:

- Perform an original inspection to determine whether asbestos-containing materials are present in the school
- Re-inspect asbestos-containing material every 3 years
- Develop and update an asbestos management plan and keep a copy at the school
- Provide notification of the school's asbestos management plan and any asbestos-related actions taken or planned in the school
- Designate a contact person to ensure these responsibilities are properly implemented
- Perform periodic surveillance of asbestos-containing material
- Ensure properly-accredited professionals perform inspections and response actions and prepare management plans
- Provide appropriate staff with asbestos-awareness training

## Calendar Year End



Though your school's fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th, some calendar year end dates are worth noting.

If your board's sponsor contract/charter is due to expire June 30, 2025 and you do not wish to renew with your current sponsor, you must notify your sponsor by December 31st. Your sponsor must notify you by January 15th if they have elected to renew.

Similarly, if your board has an operator and your management agreement expires June 30, 2025, the agreement may require 180 days' or 6 month's notice of your intent to non-renew so that automatic renewal provisions do not take effect.


HAPPY  
*Holidays!*

While we are thankful all year to work with you, at this time we take pause to express our sincere gratitude.

Many thanks and wishes for a happy and successful 2025!

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