

The Island School



May 7, 2025

Dear TIS Families,

I hope this message finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for our students, we are reaching out to provide you with our annual asbestos notification.

Our school is dedicated to maintaining a safe and secure campus, and part of this effort involves managing asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) in accordance with federal regulations. Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral that was once commonly used in building materials for its insulating and fire-resistant properties. While the presence of asbestos in our school does not pose danger at The Island School, it is important to take preventive measures to ensure its proper management.

We are required by law to notify parents annually. Please see the attached letter from Lee County Parks and Recreation.

Here are a few key points about our asbestos management:

Annual Inspection: We conduct a yearly inspection to evaluate the condition of ACMs and determine if any maintenance or repairs are needed.

Safe Handling: Our staff is trained in proper asbestos management procedures, and any maintenance or repairs involving ACMs are carried out by certified professionals.

Regular Monitoring: We continually monitor the condition of ACMs to prevent any deterioration that may lead to fiber release.

Notification: We notify relevant staff members, parents, and guardians about the presence of ACMs in our facilities.

Your child's health and safety are our top priorities, and we want to ensure that you are well-informed about the steps we take to manage asbestos effectively. If you have any questions or concerns about asbestos management at our school, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We appreciate your trust and partnership in creating a safe and supportive learning environment for our students. Together, we can maintain a healthy campus that fosters growth, learning, and well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to another successful academic year ahead.

Best regards,

Christine Oliver
Head of School



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The Island School
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Ms. Oliver,

I have researched the construction documents and final inspections that the County has on file and all records indicate that all building materials met the State Uniform Building Code for Public Educational Facilities Construction requirements as stated in Chapter 235, FL Statutes 6-2.001 (1) (b) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA).

I also spoke with Jeff Mudgett with the Architecture firm, Parker/Mudgett/Smith Inc., who were the "Architects on Record" for the project, and he confirmed that all state and local building codes were followed and that no building materials or products used during construction of the Island School contained any asbestos.

Again, all final inspections and certificate of occupancy was issued in October 2007, with no record or concerns of asbestos materials present with the construction of the Island School.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alise Flanjack, Deputy Director
Department of Parks and Recreation