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Gary Rider, Superintendent

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Dear Parents,

Construction on the new cafeteria is well underway at McFall Elementary. Monday we were told that during demolition some old tiles assumed to contain asbestos were unexpectedly discovered under the existing floor. These tiles are considered a non-friable material (definition: cannot be crushed, crumbled or pulverized by hand when dry). We contacted our asbestos consultant and a licensed contractor was recommended to be brought on site today to properly remove the tiles.

Both Michigan Occupational Safety Health Association standards (MIOSHA) and Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) guidelines were strictly followed with this abatement. The building was sealed in accordance with these standards and the air was tested both outside and inside the building. Extra precautions including additional sampling were done throughout the morning to ensure safe conditions.

I want to assure you that everyone was safe today. All clearance criteria were met with the first round of tests and additional tests were performed to assure everyone's safety. As an extra precaution I have been in contact with Keith Langworthy, Industrial Hygienist from DLEG and MIOSHA to confirm that we were proceeding safely.

Safety of our students and staff continues to be our first priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at 269-795-5521.

Sincerely,

Gary Rider
Superintendent