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TO: Parents, teachers, building occupants, and employee organizations
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SUBJECT: Asbestos information
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Uncontrolled asbestos contamination in buildings can be a significant environment and public health problem. The public and private sectors have been dealing with these issues for years. In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, primarily to require school districts to identify asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in school buildings and to take actions to control the release of asbestos fibers. In 1987, the EPA finalized a regulatory program, which enforces the AHERA.

In compliance, we had the campus school facilities inspected by an EPA accredited building inspector. Samples of building material were taken. The results of the laboratory analysis have confirmed minor ACM portions in one area of campus school facilities, the convent building. It is important to note that this material is in a form and condition that *does not* pose a health threat to students, faculty or employees. In addition, with the opening of the new Elementary and Middle School building on campus the amount of time students spend in the convent building will be greatly reduced.

An Asbestos Management Plan was developed for Valley Catholic School by an EPA accredited management planner. This includes bi-annual inspections with physical assessment reports, a training program for our custodial and maintenance personnel and plans and procedures to follow in order to minimize disturbance of the ACM. Every three years, a re-inspection by an accredited inspector must be conducted on all friable and non-friable known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) or any ACBM that have been abated.

ACBM are known to be in the following area:

- Textured ceiling material* in the music room hallway (2nd floor SSMO Music Center) and the Auditorium (previously referred to as the 'Cold Lunch Room' on 1st floor of the convent)

* The ceilings are safely above the reach of any personnel or student which minimizes the opportunity for material disturbance.

ACBM are assumed to be in the following areas of the convent and are qualified by the 2004 survey as non-friable and of low concern:

- Gypsum wallboard and plaster
- Vinyl floor tile
- Sheet floor covering

We have taken the following preventive actions to minimize or eliminate the risk of exposure:

- Ceilings and plaster/gypsum walls are covered with paint.
- Flooring surfaces are sealed and are judged to be in good condition. A sample of a typical classroom was taken and tested *negative* in 2006.

For further details of the inspection reports or on the asbestos activities you are welcome to review a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan in our school office during regular office hours. Dale Voeller from PBS is our designated asbestos program coordinator. All inquires regarding the plan should be directed to Dan Polidori, SSMO Facilities Maintenance Director, at 503.407.5645.