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To Staff, Parents, and the General Public:

In spring of 1989, an inspection of all buildings used by the Rhea County School System was conducted by an accredited environmental consulting firm to determine the presence and location of friable and non-friable asbestos materials in all Department of Education facilities. All buildings were inspected in accordance with E.P.A. guidelines for asbestos-containing materials ( i.e., 40 CFR Part 763 ). Asbestos containing materials were found in several older school buildings and a management plan was implemented by the Rhea County School System – copies of which are available at the Superintendent’s office in Dayton, Tennessee.

Asbestos poses a widespread concern for everyone since it was used extensively in buildings and homes constructed from 1946 through 1973 for insulation, acoustical purposes, and / or fire retardation. During that time, asbestos was a government-approved building material and was considered almost a miracle substance because of its fire retardant and insulating properties. However, airborne asbestos fibers are a health hazard and have been linked with different types of abdominal and lung cancers. We are therefore committed to taking corrective measures and our asbestos control efforts are based on the advice of experts knowledgeable in asbestos control and abatement techniques.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you as to where asbestos-containing materials are located at the **Rhea County Middle School (formerly Rhea County High School)**. Please refer to the list provided to find the description and location of the asbestos containing materials in the building. An Operations and Maintenance Plan was implemented in July, 1989 and continues in operation today. This plan includes asbestos cleaning procedures and other control techniques which drastically reduce the potential risk associated with airborne fibers. It is also advisable to not disturb materials found to contain asbestos as doing so may cause asbestos contamination of the air.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Charles Smith, Asbestos Program Manager at the address and numbers listed above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles Smith

Asbestos Program Manager  
Rhea County Department of Education

Rhea County Middle School

Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) Summary

<u>Materials Type:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Est. Quantity:</u>	<u>Friable:</u>
White 12" floor tile with tan streaks	Main Campus Building and Gymnasium	15,153 S.F.	No

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