



## The Volcano School of Arts & Sciences, PCS

A Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School

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### AHERA Annual Notification Letter

Dear Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Families

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in School Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary schoolbuildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited managementplanner that is based on the findings of inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In February 2001, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-502, was adopted by the Hawai'i state Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rules require the school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in February 2018 and identified some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct periodic surveillance and re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff.

An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan will be updated if asbestos is removed or conditions change.

A copy of the management plan is on file in the main office and is available for your review during school hours. Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-985-9800.

Mahalo.

Kalima Kinney  
Principal