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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Friday, April 8, 2016, the Board's Occupational Health and Safety Department conducted a site visit of Mother Cabrini Catholic Elementary School in response to inquiries regarding asbestos-containing ceiling tiles. Results of the site visit revealed that on April 5, 2016, the School Board retained a third party environmental consultant, Maple Environmental Inc. to supervise the removal of 145 ceiling tiles on the second floor of the school. The removal was conducted after school hours by a competent asbestos abatement contractor, Alliance Environmental. These tiles were removed for maintenance and cosmetic reasons.

The work was conducted in accordance to Ontario's Asbestos Regulation, O. Reg. 278/05. The regulation does not mandate that air sampling be conducted for the removal of asbestos-containing ceiling tiles based on the precautions that are taken by the workers removing the tiles.

However, to address the various inquiries, the Board's Occupational Health and Safety Department asked the Facilities Department to retain Maple Environmental to conduct air sampling using very accurate transmission electron microscopy. They have reported to us that the air results passed testing. All levels are within safety standards.

Please note that another 30 ceiling tiles are being removed tonight on the first floor and this work will be conducted by Maple Environmental and Alliance Environmental.

As you may be aware, any building constructed in Canada before 1990 usually contains asbestos. There are 172 TCDSB schools that have asbestos-containing materials. The health and safety of our students and staff is always our first priority. Whenever renovation work requires the removal of asbestos-containing materials, our School Board retains the services of a third party environmental consultant and asbestos abatement contractor to file a report to ensure that all material is handled and replaced in accordance to Ontario's asbestos regulations.

Attached, please find a Question and Answer sheet that may answer some of the questions you may have about asbestos. The asbestos abatement reports and official air sampling report will be shared with parents and posted on the school website as soon as they are made available to the Board.

Sincerely,

J. Di Vittorio
Principal

Cc: Trustee
Superintendent