

**MOTHER CABRINI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
MINISTRY OF LABOUR TESTING
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Q: Why is asbestos in our school?

A: All buildings, homes and schools like Mother Cabrini that were built before 1990 may contain asbestos as it was commonly manufactured in construction products prior to recent government regulations banning its use. Asbestos was used for pipe insulation, ceramic tile grout and ceiling materials. Although it is present in most buildings and homes, left undisturbed, it poses no health risk. People are exposed to asbestos every day because it is a natural part of our environment.

Q: Should I be concerned that I (or my son or daughter) was exposed to asbestos?

A: Air testing has confirmed that asbestos has not become airborne at the school, nor is it in at any detectable level in the school. There is no immediate health concern. As well, negative effects only occur as a result of direct, persistent and long term exposure – such as those suffered by asbestos miners in Quebec or mechanics exposed over many years of daily work replacing brake pads on cars.

Q: Who conducted the air quality testing?

A: Testing was performed by an independent 3rd party company approved by the Ministry of Labour. Maple Environmental Inc. is a highly respected and qualified company in the area of environmental assessment.

Q: Can I obtain a copy of both test report?

A: Yes, these reports are posted online on the school's website and this will be done when the full, official written report is provided to the Board.