



Dear Families,

As you may be aware, a report was released recently citing asbestos issues in some CPS schools. Your school was specified in the report, so we want to alleviate any concerns you may have by explaining what CPS is doing to keep your children safe.

Our District is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students, which is why we regularly review asbestos situations in our schools, with inspections every six months and extensive reviews by experts from outside the District. Additionally, CPS handles all environmental issues in accordance with state and federal law, posting all reports publicly and following industry best practices in managing asbestos contamination. This includes spending roughly \$54 million in just the past five years on environmental remediation work.

Please know that the wellbeing of students and staff is always our top priority, and that no circumstance, including our challenging financial situation, will prevent CPS from doing what is necessary to protect your children and provide them with the safe, healthy school environment they deserve.

If you have any questions regarding environmental issues and the work being done to address them, please contact your school directly.

Sincerely,

Jose Alfonso de Hoyos-Acosta

