July 2020

Dear Parents:

In compliance with federal and state regulations, it is my responsibility to inform you of the status of The Gow School's asbestos management program.

The Gow School continues to be in compliance with the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). All prescribed inspections have been performed within the campus buildings to date and appropriate forms have been filed with the State Education Department. Inspection agencies have met certification criteria required by both the EPA and the State of New York.

All Gow Buildings and Grounds personnel continue to receive awareness training.

On April 8, 2017 an independent accredited agency performed the required triennial inspection of our campus. All asbestos-containing materials were deemed to be non-friable, intact and in good condition.

Pertinent inspection, surveillance and triennial reports are on file in my office. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this documentation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of the presence of the Gow School Emergency Preparedness Plan. This guide was developed to educate the faculty, staff and administration of the procedures to be followed under potential emergency situations. The intent of the plan is to provide maximum protection of individuals and property, as well as to minimize disruption to the overall program.

Individual incident reports have been formulated for a number of anticipated emergency situations. Key individuals or groups have been assigned responsibilities relative to each emergency response, yet the plan remains flexible to enable on-site adaptations. All faculty and staff receive an annual refresher session.

Please rest assured that The Gow School places the highest priority on the health and safety of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Marty O'Connor
Director of Buildings and Grounds