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EXPLANATION: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

MSBA initially revised this policy and accompanying procedures to include a chemical hazard communication program, as discussed below. However, MSBA also took this opportunity to thoroughly review this policy and update accompanying procedures as well.

Asbestos

The laws regarding the identification, management and abatement of asbestos in school buildings have not changed. However, MSBA realizes that some districts are not clear on their obligations in this area. For that reason, MSBA has added more specific language in both this policy and EBAB-AP1.

For more information on the school district's responsibilities regarding asbestos, go to:

<http://www2.epa.gov/asbestos/school-buildings>.

Chemical Hazards

MSBA has developed policy language and a procedure, EBAB-AP3, to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements for employers to communicate with employees about hazardous chemicals.

While public school districts in general are not subject to federal OSHA regulations, state law requires all employers to institute reasonable safety rules. Further, workers' compensation laws provide financial incentives for employers to institute and enforce workplace safety rules as well. School districts take the safety of employees and students seriously, and most want to implement the most current rules used in the private sector to keep employees and students safe. For these reasons, MSBA recommends that districts adopt a chemical hazard communication program as outlined in this policy and in EBAB-AP3. Any district that decides not to develop a chemical hazard communication program may simply delete this section and not implement the procedure.

Lead

MSBA has decided to take a broader approach to lead abatement. While there are specific state laws governing sources of lead in water pipes, districts should also identify and abate lead paint and other sources of lead in the district. For more information about the impact of lead poisoning on child development, go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/>.

Emergency Plans

MSBA recommends that the district include hazardous materials incidents in district emergency plans. The State of Missouri school emergency planning portal "Missouri 1Plan" (<http://www.moces.org/services/missouri-1plan>) has best practice templates for ensuring the district's emergency plan embraces current best practices related to dealing with hazardous materials incidents. The State of Missouri makes this resource available for free to all schools in the state of Missouri, and the Center for Education Safety can provide additional information on this valuable resource. Contact info@moces.org.

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

To promote the health and safety of the students, staff and patrons of the district, and to ensure the environment is reasonably protected from hazardous materials that hazardous materials are handled appropriately, the Board of Education of the Camdenton R-III School District directs the administration, under the guidance of the superintendent, to develop procedures which that address the purchase, storage, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials for all school facilities and operations of the district. Emergency response actions and evacuation plans will also be coordinated with the procedures.

Hazardous materials shall be defined as any substance specifically designated as such by state or federal law, or any other substance or mixture of substances which may be explosive, ignitable, corrosive, reactive and/or toxic. The Board directs district staff to avoid using hazardous materials to the extent feasible and to minimize the quantities of such substances used by or stored in the school district. In addition, district employees shall follow the procedures developed by the administration and shall take the necessary precautions recommended by manufacturers' warnings when handling or transporting hazardous materials.

The procedures developed by the administration shall comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations which that pertain to the proper management of hazardous materials. The superintendent or designee is responsible for identifying any substances which that may be hazardous; and ensuring such substances are properly disposed in a state-approved facility or landfill.

When necessary, the district shall contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the Waste Management Program of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in order to obtain relevant information regarding hazardous waste management.

District personnel will be encouraged to make less dangerous substitutions for hazardous substances to the extent possible and to minimize quantities of such substances generated by the school district. In addition, district employees shall follow the procedures developed by the administration and shall take the necessary precautions recommended by manufacturers' warnings when handling or transporting hazardous materials.

Emergency Plans

The superintendent or designee will include in district emergency plans appropriate responses and evacuation plans for situations where hazardous materials threaten the health or safety of persons on district property or when hazardous materials on district property threaten the health or safety of people in the surrounding area.

Asbestos

The district shall survey and assess the exposure of friable asbestos in all buildings. This report shall be filed with appropriate state agencies, and will be available for public review in the superintendent's office. The district shall take all steps necessary to comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, as described in regulations of the EPA. The district will use appropriately accredited professionals and laboratories and will follow all federal and state laws regarding the identification, management and abatement of asbestos in district buildings.

The superintendent will designate an employee to supervise the implementation of the district's asbestos management plan and federal laws regarding asbestos management in the district. The employee designated will receive adequate training to perform his or her duties as required by law.

Hazardous Chemicals

The superintendent or designee will provide information to district employees about the hazardous chemicals used in their workplaces by developing, implementing and maintaining a written chemical hazard communication program. Employees will be provided appropriate training and safety devices when handling these materials.

Lead

The superintendent or designee is directed to identify and develop plans to eliminate all potential sources of lead poisoning from district property.

Lead Contamination Inspection

The district shall monitor the periodic collection of drinking water samples from all sources in the district by the Missouri Department of Health, and shall review the results from the EPA-certified laboratory that performs the tests, when the results become available.

The Board shall assist the Department of Health in any way necessary to assure that any testing program mandated by law is completed within the time frame allowed, and will act immediately to secure funding for the repair of drinking water sources that do not meet federal standards, or for the disconnection of the sources. Pipes that contain lead soldering shall be repaired using a non-lead solder, and water coolers that are found to contain lead in the lining of their tanks will be repaired or replaced. The Board shall encourage continued periodic inspections of district drinking water sources constructed before 1987.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Legal Refs: §§ ~~640.120~~, 643.225 ~~et seq.~~, RSMo.

~~10 C.S.R. 10-6.240, 25-16.273, 60-15~~

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986, 2015 U.S.C. §§ ~~4011 et seq.~~ 2641–2656

Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act, 1520 U.S.C. §§ ~~2641 et seq.~~ 4011–4022

29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200

40 C.F.R. Part 763

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