



ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Families:

I am writing to let you know that beginning this week our construction team will start lead and asbestos abatement projects in the rubber gym. All of this work will be completed within all state and federal regulations, and with the safety of all students, staff and campus visitors foremost in our minds. The work will be contained entirely within the rubber gym. It is part of our ongoing renovation of the rubber gym and the overall Rebuilding Albany High School project.

As you know, demolition last summer discovered unexpected deterioration in the steel support columns on the northeast side of the rubber gym. The rubber gym, as well as athletic facilities and offices below it, have been closed throughout the school year as repairs move forward. As part of this renovation project, we did routine precautionary testing and discovered that lead-based paint was applied to the existing structural steel beams and columns, and that caulk containing asbestos was applied along existing steel columns and supports. Both of these conditions will be corrected through this abatement project.

State and federal regulations for lead and asbestos abatement require proper signage, sealing (or tenting) the area, a ventilation system to generate negative air so no air escapes the tent, and independent third-party environmental monitoring. Asbestos abatement in particular requires signs to be posted on campus in advance of any work notifying all stakeholders of the project. You will see those signs on campus beginning this week.

We anticipate that the lead and asbestos abatement projects will be completed before holiday break. We also anticipate that the ongoing mercury abatement in the rubber gym, which was identified earlier this fall, also will be completed before holiday break. The current renovation of the rubber gym is expected to be completed by mid-February. Full renovation of the rubber gym, including full replacement of the flooring, is scheduled to be completed during Phase III of the overall Rebuilding Albany High project.

If you have any questions or comments about these abatement projects, please contact:

- Director of Facilities Planning Ben Marra
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We appreciate your continued cooperation as we work to rebuild Albany High and provide our students and our community with an exceptional high-school facility and campus that we all can be proud of for decades to come.

Sincerely,

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Principal