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Directors of Education

On November 13, 2012 Don Morgan, Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety (LRWS), announced the launch of an asbestos information web page. The web page includes an Asbestos Register intended to provide the public with a list of public buildings that have been assessed for their asbestos content, along with the assessment results. Although this is not a mandatory requirement, the Minister encourages appropriate agencies to post this information on its web page for schools, post-secondary institutions, government buildings, Crown Corporation buildings and healthcare facilities.

The web page can be found at <http://www.lrws.gov.sk.ca/asbestos>. You will see the web site already includes a list of provincial government buildings, and healthcare facilities in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region that are known to contain asbestos. The web site also consolidates useful guides, regulations, and related information about asbestos, such as a new information guide called *Guidelines for Managing Asbestos in Buildings*.

To meet the objectives, I encourage you to submit the following information to the Ministry of Education for consolidation on behalf of all schools. Please submit this information by January 30, 2013:

1. For each building under the management of your school division an indication of whether the building has been assessed for asbestos-containing materials (ACM) and the results of the assessment, specifically identifying where the asbestos was found and its condition (i.e. with respect to its potential to contain or release fibres into occupied areas).
2. Your consent to post this information. The Ministry of Education will work with you to ensure an appropriate communication plan is in place when this information is posted.

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3. An indication of whether your school district has an asbestos management plan in place or in development to ensure if ACM is found to be in poor condition, is immediately repaired; and to develop exposure control plans whenever repair, maintenance or renovations will require the disturbance of ACM.

The Ministry of Education will be using the information provided to assess and respond to gaps in each school division's asbestos management program. The Ministry of Education will also be using the information provided to assess the level of risk associated with asbestos in these buildings and to work with you in developing an appropriate action plan.

Please ensure this information is shared with your Facility Managers. Should you have any questions or require additional information with respect to this request, please contact Sheldon Ramstead at (306)787-7856 or by email at sheldon.ramstead@gov.sk.ca.

Sincerely,



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