

Office of the Superintendent  
Stratford Public Schools

**ANNUAL PARENTAL NOTIFICATION**

**1. TRUANCY NOTICE**

Connecticut law requires that the Stratford Public Schools provide you with written notice of your obligations under Connecticut General Statute 10-184. This law provides that each parent or other person having control of a child seven years of age and older and under sixteen years of age is obligated to cause the child to attend school regularly during the hours and terms school is in session, unless such parent or other person shows that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction. Connecticut General Statute 10-185 provides that failure to comply with these requirements is punishable by a daily fine of \$25.00.

**2. NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE**

“The Stratford Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, or disability/handicap in admission or access to or treatment of employment in its programs or activities.”

It is expected that this statement will appear in all publications produced for general circulation within the Stratford Public Schools and/or the community.

**3. SECTION 504**

It is the policy of the Stratford Board of Education to provide accommodations to students with disabilities to enable them to receive a free appropriate public education in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Stratford Board of Education does not discriminate against any student in admission or access to its programs and activities on the basis of disability. As the parent of a student with a disability, you have certain rights, including the right to have the district advise you of your rights under federal law. Should you have any questions regarding your rights under Section 504, please write to the Section 504 Coordinator, Ms. Ellen Michaels, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT 06615, or call 203-385-4225.

**4. ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS NOTICE**

Stratford Public School parents and eligible students (18 years or older) are, in accord with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), notified of the following rights to:

1. Inspect and review your student's education records.
2. Request an amendment of your student's records to ensure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of your student's privacy rights or other rights;

3. Consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in your student's educational record, except to the extent that FERPA regulations authorize disclosure without consent;
4. File with the United States Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failures by Stratford Public Schools to comply with the FERPA regulations; and,
5. Obtain copies of Stratford Public Schools' policies for student education records. These policies are contained in the Pupil Personnel Manual, located in the Principal's office of each school in the district.

#### **5. DISCIPLINE NOTICE**

Board of Education Policy #5147 - The public schools shall ensure the physical and mental health, safety, and welfare of all students in attendance, and the maintenance of an atmosphere conducive to learning. Student behavior that is inimical to these purposes, the public interest, and individual rights of school personnel and students will be dealt with through administrative and legal channels. In no case will a student be denied the procedural due process guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment.

Good behavior is expected from all students at all times. Discipline will be maintained by teachers and administrators. In certain cases of continued disregard for established school rules and procedures, students will be subject to suspension or expulsion from school. Corporal punishment of students is prohibited.

#### **6. ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN NOTIFICATION**

In accordance with §19a-333-1 through 13 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools," we are required to inform you that asbestos-containing materials have been identified in various areas of the school, primarily in floor tile. Much of the material has been removed. What remains is included in an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) program. This program is designed to prevent asbestos fiber release through proper cleaning, maintenance, and repair. The O&M program will remain in effect until all asbestos-containing building material (ACBM) is removed from the buildings. The buildings are inspected every six (6) months to determine any changes in the conditions of the materials. Additionally, the buildings are thoroughly re-inspected every three years by CT licensed asbestos inspectors following the same basic criteria as the original inspection. This Plan has been written and is available at the school office as well as the Central Administration office to all parties who may be concerned. Persons wishing to review this document may do so during regular school hours.

## **7. PESTICIDE NOTICE**

In compliance with Connecticut state law, the Stratford Board of Education has incorporated a policy; Integrated Pest Management procedures (IPM) to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The policy provides for notice to persons, who request such notice, prior to the application of any pesticide in the Stratford Schools.