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To Mr. Andrews:

On behalf of Eliot River Elementary Home and School Association, we are writing to express our serious concern at the discovery of asbestos in ceiling tiles installed in seven Island schools. Children at Eliot River specifically are potentially exposed to this known carcinogenic for 6 years of their schooling as they continue on to East Wiltshire Intermediate School.

We discussed this matter at length at our recent Home & School meeting. We are encouraged that the English Language School Board together with the Departments of Education, Early Learning and Culture and Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy are acting as quickly as possible to rectify this unacceptable situation.

We are aware of the new protocol stating that ceiling tiles are not to be moved or altered (unless by authorized individuals) however feel this policy is impractical and unsustainable. Routine repairs, access to wiring as well as the impending installation of Wi-Fi all require contact with the ceiling tiles.

As concerned parents, our understanding is that the ceiling tiles containing asbestos will be removed over the summer months to minimize both exposure to staff and students and disruption to instruction. That is, work will be completed prior to school resuming in September 2016. We request once removal has been completed that air quality testing be carried out to ensure no residual asbestos dust or fibers remain.

We would ask that you keep us informed of your progress as you work to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff at these Island schools.

Sincerely,

Laura Hagen-Grant

Laura Hagen-Grant on behalf of the Executive of
Eliot River Elementary Home & School Association

Cc: Honourable Doug W. Currie, Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture
Honourable Paula J. Biggar, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy
Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism