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**LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD / SUPERINTENDENT
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*Citing Long-Term Savings to Taxpayers, School District Leaders Ask for
Voter Support for Warrant Article to Remove Asbestos from Three Schools*

LONDONDERRY – In an effort to save money from year-round monitoring, and to eliminate any potential for problems in the future, Superintendent Nate Greenberg and the Londonderry School Board are asking local voters to support Article 12 in the school budget plan to pay for the permanent removal of asbestos in three of the schools. The asbestos is safely contained and there is currently no threat to the health and safety of students and staff. However, the district spends tens of thousands of dollars each year for monitoring, inspections and for smaller scale abatements to perform normal building repairs.

“This is an appropriate year to offer this article, as it falls between long-range maintenance plans,” explains Superintendent Nate Greenberg. “We believe this plan balances the health and safety of our students and staff with long-term savings for the entire district. We will recoup the cost of this removal in the long term by not having to pay for containment and inspections and unanticipated abatements.”

The asbestos is currently in building materials at Londonderry High School, North School and Matthew Thornton School. Warrant Article 12 requests \$275,000 for district-wide asbestos removal. School officials note the cost associated with monitoring asbestos containment and dealing with small abatement projects has steadily risen in recent years, and they believe it will be more cost-effective to remove the substance.

The Superintendent and School Board unanimously agree the cleanup should occur before a maintenance emergency forces a more-costly option. Inspectors conclude that a roof leak or plumbing leak in the wrong location would require relocation of students and staff. Based on estimates, an emergency request for abatement and cleanup of the hazardous material would cost much more than the proposed asbestos removal plan.

If Article 12 is approved, we will contract with an ACBM management company to develop a multi-year plan for the complete removal of all known asbestos in the three buildings within the school district.