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**2004: SB26**

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Superintendents of Business  
Secretaries of School Authorities

**FROM:** Drew Nameth  
Director  
Business Services Branch

**DATE:** November 19, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendments to the Regulation Respecting  
Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Building and  
Repair Operations (Regulation 838)

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I am writing to provide you with information regarding the Ministry of Labour's proposed amendments to *the Regulation Respecting Asbestos on Construction Projects and Building and Repair Operations*. The Ministry of Labour Press Release of October 7, 2004 states that,

The proposed amendments, if adopted, would update safe work procedures and enhance respiratory protection for workers who may encounter asbestos in the course of their work on construction projects, and in demolition, repair, alteration and maintenance operations. It would also replace the industry respiratory protection advisory that was issued on June 1, 2004.

If made as presently drafted, the amended regulation would directly impact school boards.

The Ministry of Labour's public consultation on the proposed amendments ends December 3, 2004. Comments should be sent to:

Regulation 838 Review Project  
Ministry of Labour  
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or by e-mail to the Ministry of Labour at the following website address:  
[reg838construction@mol.gov.on.ca](mailto:reg838construction@mol.gov.on.ca)

Electronic submissions are encouraged.

The draft regulation may be obtained at:  
[www.gov.on.ca/lab](http://www.gov.on.ca/lab)

If you have any questions about the proposed amendment, please contact the Ministry of Labour at 416-326-9299 or 1-866-290-3335.

For questions you may wish to direct to the Ministry of Education, please contact Steven Mitchell at 416-325-2015 ([steven.mitchell@edu.gov.on.ca](mailto:steven.mitchell@edu.gov.on.ca)).

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