

**South Burlington School District  
Budget Questions  
March 21, 2017**

Question	Response
<p><b>March 21, 2017</b> Are there any risks to students, staff or community members if we delay the replacement of Carpet and Asbestos floor tile?</p>	<p>Any time a renovation is done in a school building, all building materials are subject to testing. There are several projects that were planned in the budget presented on March 7 which have been rescheduled for a later fiscal year. A delay of one year will not likely put anyone at risk, as long as the conditions of these floors remain the same. Our Facilities staff monitors the condition of all floors and is trained to notice any changes and will continue to do so. Each year, the District's Facilities Stewardship Plan includes funding for flooring and carpet removal. We have been steadily continuing this process for many years. Anytime flooring is scheduled to be updated, it must be tested for the presence of hazardous material, including asbestos. When it is found, there is an extra cost to properly remove it safely under the Vermont Regulations for Asbestos Control (VRAC) and Federal EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act guidelines. We continue to work with ATC, our environmental consultants to help us ensure compliance.</p>