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Paint and Plaster Stabilization: Project Start

Dear School Families,

The School District of Philadelphia works daily to ensure that our students and staff have a safe, healthy environment in which to learn and work. On behalf of the School District, I am writing to share information with you about plans for renovation to remove loose and peeling paint in our school building. The goal of the work is to enhance classroom environments and remove the risk of lead exposure to children in our school community.

The School District has begun paint and plaster stabilization work in school buildings constructed prior to 1978 that are likely to contain lead-based paint. Paint stabilization involves removing loose, peeling, flaking and crumbling paint and plaster under controlled conditions. Our school has been selected for this work because paint damage was documented in occupied spaces such as classrooms and classroom closets, administrative offices, cafeteria, auditorium, bathrooms, kitchen, hallways, and emergency exit stairways.

The work is being completed by individuals who are trained and certified in United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lead-based paint renovation, repair and painting work practices. These work practices ensure that classrooms and other areas are free of paint chips, dust and debris. Each space will be assessed after the work is completed in each area to ensure that the spaces are ready for students and staff to safely occupy. Building staff will also look for signs of paint and plaster damage and clean paint and plaster dust and debris using a HEPA vacuum before, during, and after the project.

Details about the project including the environmental consultant's assessment report, project schedule and frequently asked questions are available in the school's main office or by visiting www.philasd.org/facilities. Copies will also be provided to the School Advisory Council and Home and School Association in the near future.

We understand that you likely will have additional questions, and we will work to address those promptly. The School District will host a meeting for families to share an overview of the repairs and to answer questions on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 8:15 AM** in our school.

Sincerely,
Mark Vitvitsky
Principal