



Catharine Elementary School
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Notice of Paint and Plaster Stabilization Work

Dear Catharine Elementary School Families,

The School District of Philadelphia is conducting maintenance on damaged paint and plaster in our school and has shared with us the following information:

Beginning Monday, April 24, 2023, the District will work to repair damaged paint and plaster in Catharine Elementary School. Because the school was built before 1978, when federal law prohibited the use of lead-based paint, it is assumed or confirmed to have lead-based paint. This maintenance work will help minimize the potential risk of lead exposure and create a safer and more welcoming environment for the school community.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Renovation Repair and Painting (RRP) certified contractors will work in the evening hours when students and staff are not in the building. They will remove any paint chips, dust, and debris from ceilings and walls in the reported areas, which include the gym.

Third-party licensed environmental consultants will monitor all work to confirm the spaces are ready for students and staff to safely re-occupy.

We expect this work to take one day and should cause little or no disruption to your learning environment.

Attached to this communication is the EPA Renovate Right Pamphlet. The pamphlet provides general information from EPA about legal requirements for safe lead certification practices for homeowners, tenants, childcare providers, and parents during renovation activities.

After completing the work, OEMS will provide a letter and dust sampling results to share with the school community. For more information about lead prevention efforts, please contact the Lead Prevention Unit of the Philadelphia Department of Health at (215) 685-2788 or visit <http://www.phila.gov/health/childhoodlead>.

Thank you for your understanding as we work toward creating safer learning spaces for our students and staff. Sincerely,

Lisa Wilmer, Principal