

April 3, 2025

Subject: MPS Lead Safety Update – Leadership Changes and Continued School Closures

Dear Milwaukee Public Schools Families and Staff,

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) continue to work closely together to protect the health and safety of students and staff by addressing lead hazards across school buildings. This includes ongoing inspections, cleaning, remediation, and improved accountability systems.

Facilities Leadership Update

As of this week, Sean Kane is no longer serving as the Director of Facilities and Maintenance Services for MPS. The district is actively searching for a permanent replacement.

In the interim, Michael Mannan, Director of MHD's Home Environmental Health (HEH) division, will be supporting MPS full-time. Mannan brings more than 25 years of experience in code enforcement, lead risk assessment, and environmental hazard mitigation. He is certified in both lead and asbestos inspection and abatement and previously served as a lead risk assessor for five years with MHD.

Mannan's role will focus on supporting lead hazard remediation, reviewing cleaning protocols, guiding routine inspections, and advising on the development of MPS's Lead Action Plan. This strengthened collaboration reinforces the shared priority of safeguarding students and staff.

Progress at Temporarily Closed Schools

As of this week, Fernwood Montessori School, Starms Early Childhood Center, and LaFollette School remain closed. These schools will not reopen until MHD verifies that all lead safety standards have been met.

We will continue providing regular updates to affected families and will notify you as soon as reopening plans are confirmed.

Lead Testing for Children

Families are encouraged to have MPS students and children under age 6 tested for lead exposure through their primary care provider. The only way to know if a child has been exposed to lead is through screening. Families can schedule a test with their medical provider or visit a free lead screening clinic. Clinic dates and locations can be found at:

- milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead
- mpsmke.com/mpsleadreport

We know this is a stressful time, and we thank you for your continued patience and partnership. Ensuring safe and healthy learning environments remains our highest priority.

Sincerely,

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