



April 16, 2025

Subject: LaFollette School update

Dear LaFollette Families and Staff,

We are writing with an update on the lead renovation work happening in your school building. We have heard families' requests for more frequent and detailed information and are committed to providing you with that.

Status of Work

After hiring an additional contractor, work to address lead hazards at LaFollette School started on Tuesday, April 15. Once lead-painted surfaces are stabilized and the building is thoroughly cleaned, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will test the building to clear it for occupancy. MPS expects this process to last four to five weeks. Students and staff will continue to report to Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning until further notice. We will continue to provide the support needed as we work through this process for our staff and students at LaFollette.

Message to Staff

Staff in need of required supplies to carry out their duties to ensure that quality teaching and learning continues are to communicate the supplies needed to their school leader immediately, who will then work with their immediate supervisor to obtain requested materials. The district office will ensure supplies and materials are provided.

Opportunities to Have Questions Answered

We are grateful to all of you who attended the April 10 virtual town hall meeting and are addressing the many questions that were asked in the chat during that meeting. MPS and MHD will provide answers in the coming days. Families with additional questions can send them to MPS at lead@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or via the [MS Forms](#) on MHD's webpage: milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead. Another town hall meeting for the families of LaFollette and Starns Early Childhood Center is being planned, and that information will be shared as soon as it is available.

Next Steps

Milwaukee Public Schools is finalizing its lead action plan for the district with MHD. Once MHD approves the plan, MPS will share it publicly.

Families are encouraged to follow up with their child's healthcare provider or visit a pop-up clinic for routine lead screening if they have not done so already. For updates, clinic locations, and public health resources, visit milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead or mpsmke.com/mpsleadreport. Additional resources are available at milwaukee.gov/HEH.

Thank you to every family member and every staff member for your partnership as we navigate these essential measures for the safety of all.

Sincerely,

Office of School Administration