

DATE: February 14, 2025

Dear Golda Meir Families,

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) conducted a follow-up lead hazard assessment today at Golda Meir Lower Campus to evaluate ongoing remediation efforts.

Given the concerns about ongoing student safety, MHD performed an interim re-check of Golda Meir Lower Campus.

During this reassessment, 12 surface wipe samples were collected. MHD and MPS are pleased to see significant progress has been made in addressing the majority of previously identified lead hazards.

Upon analyzing the samples taken, two did not pass lead safety standards. The two failing samples were obtained from the floors in the school kitchen and one of the bathrooms. MPS is currently creating a plan in consultation with MHD to address the two areas that failed and ensure they are up to standards by the time students return to school on Wednesday, February 19. MHD is confident MPS will be able to achieve full clearance by the completion of the health order on Thursday, February 20.

#### **What MPS Is Doing**

- Continuing enhanced cleaning, renovation/abatement, and monitoring throughout the school, this includes utilizing lead safe renovation/abatement practices by both MPS staff and contractors.
- Working closely with MHD inspectors and environmental experts to ensure all areas meet safety standards.
- Using the scheduled no-school days on Monday and Tuesday to allow additional time for remediation.
- Keeping families informed with ongoing updates on progress and next steps.

#### **What MHD is Doing**

- Processing samples from Golda Meir taken on February 14.
- Coordinating testing clinics with community partners, details to be released soon.
- Providing technical assistance to MPS facilities and maintenance division.
- Performing ongoing monitoring and enforcement of lead standards.

#### **What Golda Families Can Do**

- Stay informed by checking for updates via MHD and MPS communications.
- Ensure children wash their hands frequently and avoid placing objects from the floor into their mouths.
- Take shoes off immediately before walking into the home, to avoid tracking in lead dust.

- Consider having your child tested for lead exposure, especially if they are under age 6. Families can contact their primary care provider.
- For more information on lead safety, review [MHD's letter to MPS families from February 6](#), and visit: [www.milwaukee.gov/HEH](http://www.milwaukee.gov/HEH).

Both MPS and MHD are committed to ensuring the health and safety of Golda Meir students and staff. We appreciate your patience as we continue this process and will share further updates next week.

Sincerely,

**Commissioner Michael Totoraitis**  
City of Milwaukee Health Department

**Interim Superintendent Eduardo Galvan**  
Milwaukee Public Schools