

March 19, 2025

Subject: Lead Hazard Update – Maryland Avenue Montessori Passes Clearance

Dear Maryland Avenue Montessori Families and Staff,

We are pleased to share that the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) has completed its final clearance checks at Maryland Avenue Montessori, and all tested areas have now passed. This means lead dust levels meet established safety standards, and no further remediation is required at this time.

Progress Since the Last Update:

In our previous communication, we shared that one area inside a locked janitor's closet did not pass clearance and required additional cleaning. Since then, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) has worked closely with MHD to conduct enhanced cleaning and ensure that the space meets safety standards. MHD has now confirmed that all areas of the school, including the previously flagged location, have passed clearance.

Next Steps & Ongoing Maintenance:

To maintain these lead-safe conditions, MPS will continue to follow MHD's recommended cleaning and maintenance protocols, including enhanced daily cleaning practices and ensuring students and staff only drink from filtered water stations. MHD will remain engaged with MPS to provide ongoing guidance and support.

What Families Can Do:

- Stay informed by checking for updates via MHD and MPS communications.
- Encourage frequent handwashing, especially before eating.
- If your home or other addresses a child visits is built prior to 1978, removing shoes before entering your home can prevent the tracking of lead dust.
- Consider lead testing for your child, especially if they are under age 6. Testing is available through your child's primary care provider.
- Keep up with upcoming lead screening clinics for MPS students. Information on these clinics can be found at www.milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead.

For additional resources on lead safety and the MPS lead crisis, please visit www.milwaukee.gov/HEH or mpsmke.com/mpsleadreport.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation throughout this process. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

Sincerely,

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