



**April 16, 2025**

**Subject:** Starms Early Childhood Center update

Dear Starms 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**

As of Tuesday, April 15, the work to address lead hazards at Starms Early Childhood Center is about 75% complete. Most of the renovation work on the upper floors has been completed. Work continues on the first and lower floors, and touch-up painting is being done throughout the building.

MPS expects work to be finished by the end of April. Next, the building will be thoroughly cleaned, which will take, at minimum, several days. After that, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will test the building to clear it for occupancy, which usually can be done within 24 hours. Once MHD clears the building for occupancy, MPS will work with Starms leadership and staff to determine the next steps to transition back to the site.

### **Opportunities to Have Questions Answered**

We are grateful to all of you who attended the April 10 virtual town hall meeting. MPS is currently addressing the many questions asked in the chat during the meeting and will make the answers available in the coming days. We welcome further questions at [lead@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:lead@milwaukee.k12.wi.us). Another town hall meeting for the families of LaFollette and Starms Early Childhood Center is being planned, and that information will be shared as soon as it is available.

### **Next Steps**

MPS 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 [mpsmke.com/mpsleadreport](https://mpsmke.com/mpsleadreport) or [milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead](https://milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead). Additional resources are available at [milwaukee.gov/HEH](https://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. Again, we welcome further questions at [lead@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:lead@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

Sincerely,

Office of School Administration