Notice of Paint and Plaster Stabilization Work

Dear Fell School Families,

The purpose of this letter is to share information about work that is underway at our school.

The School District of Philadelphia is currently conducting paint and plaster stabilization work in school buildings constructed prior to 1978 that are likely to contain lead-based paint. Paint stabilization involves removing loose, peeling, flaking and crumbling paint and plaster under controlled conditions. The goal of the work is to enhance classroom environments and remove the risk of lead exposure to children in our school community. Our school has been selected for this work because paint damage was documented in occupied spaces such as classrooms and classroom closets, administrative offices, cafeteria, auditorium, bathrooms, kitchen, hallways, and emergency exit stairways.

The work is being completed by environmental contractors and School District painters during the evening hours following school dismissal. These individuals are trained and certified in United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lead-based paint renovation, repair and painting work practices. These work practices ensure that classrooms and other areas are free of paint chips, dust and debris after the project is completed.

Upon completion, loose, flaking, peeling and crumbling paint and plaster will be removed from ceilings and walls. The areas will also be patched, repainted and cleaned. A quality control assessment will also take place after the work is completed in each area to ensure that the spaces are ready for students and staff to safely occupy.

A full report on the project will be completed and made available in the school’s main office in the near future. For more information about lead, please contact the Lead Prevention Unit of the Philadelphia Department of Health at (215) 685-2788 or visit http://www.phila.gov/health/childhoodlead.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Omahr Ashe, Principal