



April 21, 2025

Subject: Fernwood update

Dear Fernwood Families and Staff,

We are committed to keeping you informed as we navigate lead cleanup at Fernwood Montessori School. The City of Milwaukee Health Department notified us Monday evening that four of 60 tests in Fernwood require retesting on Tuesday, April 22. Additional cleaning will take place in the four areas Tuesday morning before the tests are retaken.

This means our anticipated return to the building on Wednesday will not happen as we had hoped. Students and staff should continue to report to Douglas Middle School. We plan to update you by noon Tuesday, April 22, with the latest information on the reopening of the building.

Once the building is cleared for occupancy, staff will be given a full day to set up classrooms as planned and welcome students back the following day.

The safety of our students and staff is our foremost concern. Students and staff will be allowed to enter the building only if the health department has determined that it is safe for them to do so.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work to ensure a safe environment for everyone at Fernwood.

Sincerely,

Office of School Administration