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Subject: An important message for Kagel families



Dear Kagel families,

The safety of every student and staff member is a priority for Milwaukee Public Schools. The district continues to take very seriously the Milwaukee Health Department's directives to clean and remedy lead hazards in district school buildings. Milwaukee Public Schools will continue to work closely with the Health Department to resolve this matter.

The Milwaukee Health Department on Wednesday, February 12, released a report detailing lead hazards that inspectors found in Kagel School. The Health Department first informed MPS that it had identified lead hazards at Kagel in January, and MPS's Department of Facilities and Maintenance Services immediately began addressing the lead hazards found there.

Certified lead-paint workers have been painting surfaces at Kagel to encapsulate and stabilize areas of concern. Workers also are thoroughly cleaning the building. These measures are in accordance with Health Department directives.

Lead can be found in any type of building constructed before 1978, the year lead paint was banned. At MPS, 85% of school buildings were constructed before 1970.

Please be assured that drinking-water sources in MPS buildings are free of lead. Lead lateral lines connected to the city of Milwaukee water mains were removed by 2016. After testing the water from all drinking fountains in 2016, the district immediately shut down any drinking-water fixture that tested above EPA standards for lead. At the time, some fixture parts still contained lead.

The district ultimately replaced those drinking fountains, and drinking fountains with water filtration units have been installed throughout the district.

Milwaukee Public Schools is committed to providing a safe, supportive environment for all students and staff. Thank you for your support of Milwaukee Public Schools.

Sincerely,

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