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Subject line: Westside Academy update

Dear Westside Academy Families and Staff,

We are writing with an update on the lead renovation work happening in your school building. We are committed to providing you with more frequent and detailed information about the progress at Westside.

Status of Work

Renovation work has been completed throughout the building. Touching up of paint is underway and will continue throughout Westside Academy next week. This phase of work is expected to be complete by the end of the month.

After all lead-painted surfaces are stabilized and the building is thoroughly cleaned, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will test the building to clear it for occupancy. Students and staff will continue to report to Andrew S. Douglas Middle School for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year, returning to Westside in September for the 2025-26 school year.

Opportunities to Have Questions Answered

You are welcome to attend an upcoming town hall meeting for the families of Westside Academy, Starms Early Childhood Center, LaFollette School, and Brown Street Academy. It will be in person on Wednesday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Rufus King International Middle School, 121 E. Hadley St. We will share more details soon.

Families also can direct their questions about lead to MPS at lead@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or to the City of Milwaukee Health Department via the [MS Form](#).

Next Steps

Milwaukee Public Schools has posted its lead action plan. You can find it on the [MPS Lead Report webpage](#), along with other information and updates.

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 milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead or mpsmke.com/mpsleadreport. Additional resources are available at milwaukee.gov/HEH.

Thank you to every family member and every staff member for your understanding as we work to ensure the safety of all.

Sincerely,
Office of School Administration