

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

Removal of materials to allow for renovation and painting has been completed, and renovation work has begun on the school's third and fourth floors. The renovation work will continue on those floors next week, and we expect to begin painting and touchup on the third and fourth floors, as well. It is estimated to take three to four weeks to complete painting at Westside.

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

Families can direct questions to MPS at lead@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or via the [MS Forms](#) on MHD's webpage: milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead.

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