



December 9, 2019

Dear Families:

In NYC schools, it is our priority to keep kids healthy and safe. As part of our continued effort to protect children from exposure to lead, the Department of Education (DOE) regularly inspects, tests and fixes classrooms serving children under age six in school buildings constructed prior to 1985. We look for damaged paint, as lead-based paint presents a risk when it is peeling, chipped, or cracked.

This weekend we remediated one classroom in your child's school using safety protocols defined by the Environmental Protection Agency. Students who were relocated on Friday to accommodate this work returned to their classroom at the beginning of the day today.

Visit schools.nyc.gov/lead-based-paint to learn about lead safety in DOE schools, as well as to obtain information on lead exposure and links to additional resources. We encourage any parent who has concerns to discuss their child's health history with their doctor. To secure free testing or find a doctor, additional information is available via 311 or by visiting schools.nyc.gov/lead-based-paint.

We will keep you informed of any necessary updates as our work continues to keep our 1.1 million children safe. DOE personnel is standing by to support you, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns you have about your school building. Please reach out to us at PaintTesting@schools.nyc.gov with any questions about our ongoing lead remediation efforts.

Sincerely,

Kevin Moran
Chief School Operations Officer