

William R. Hite, Jr., Ed.D. Superintendent

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Dear Bache-Martin School Community,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an environmental safety update for work at Bache-Martin School. While all District schools remain closed as part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19, the Office of Environmental Management and Services (OEMS) was able to remove asbestos containing materials (ACM) that were found in the school.

Asbestos-containing pipe insulation was removed throughout the basement, first floor, and second floor, in hallways and stairwells. The work performed in these areas was completed by licensed asbestos abatement contractors and monitored by independent asbestos project inspectors. With the completion of this work, all aforementioned areas have been deemed safe for reoccupancy.

The health and well-being of our students and staff remains our top priority and we are committed to ensuring that all buildings are safe environments for instruction and learning. To learn more about asbestos and what the District is doing to improve environmental safety, please visit our website at <u>www.philasd.org/healthyschools</u>. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email <u>environmental@philasd.org</u>.

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