

# HEALTHY SCHOOLS CALL TO ACTION

Learning in schools that are clean, safe and welcoming is the fundamental right of every public school student in Philadelphia.



## OUR CHALLENGE: An Aging Infrastructure in Dire Need of Repair

**70 YEARS**

Half of our school buildings are over **70 years old**, with some more than 120 years old.

**80%**

Like most buildings built before 1978, about **80%** of our schools were built using asbestos-containing materials and lead paint.

**\$4.5 BILLION**

The School District has **\$4.5 billion** in deferred maintenance and \$3 billion in future capital needs.

## OUR PROGRESS

### Since 2014, we've:

- invested \$400 million to renovate classrooms and modernize basic building infrastructure
- spent \$23 million to complete asbestos-related projects in schools
- fully stabilized lead paint in 32 elementaries, certified another 13 as Lead Safe and will certify another 26 by end of year
- added 112 new cleaning positions
- installed 150 new A/C units at nine schools

### In October 2019:

- we also borrowed \$500 million in capital funds to build three new schools and support more than 200 capital improvements in 141 schools.

**BUT OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF NEED AND DESERVE MUCH MORE**



### TOP PRIORITIES

**\$15  
MILLION**

#### LEAD SAFE SCHOOLS

For **\$15 million per year over the next five years**, we can stabilize lead paint and certify every school Lead Safe.\* (Total need: \$75 million)

**\$10  
MILLION**

#### ASBESTOS SAFE SCHOOLS

For **\$10 million per year over the next five years**, we can remove asbestos containing materials from student-, teacher-, and staff-occupied areas in every school.\*\* (Total need: \$50 million)

**\$300  
MILLION**

#### MORE PLANCON FUNDING

To help their limited dollars stretch farther, Pennsylvania school districts that undertake a major school construction project can seek reimbursement from the Commonwealth through a process known as PlanCon (Planning and Construction Workbook). PlanCon is currently unfunded. We need the Commonwealth to provide a minimum of **\$300 million** to restore PlanCon to its 2014/2015 funding levels.

### SECONDARY PRIORITIES

**\$28  
MILLION**

#### AIR CONDITIONED SCHOOLS

For **\$28 million per year over the next five years**, we can make the electrical upgrades needed to add air conditioners and classroom technology in over 2,000 classrooms. (Total need: \$140 million)

**\$15  
MILLION**

#### CLASSROOM MODERNIZATIONS

For **\$15 million each year**, we can transform **100 classrooms** into modern, welcoming learning spaces with new paint and lighting, customized furniture and state-of-the-art technology.

\*\$15 million per year covers the pre-painting environmental assessment, labor and material costs for painting contractors, on-site lead stabilization monitoring and environmental testing prior to re-occupancy of the area for approximately 20 schools.

\*\*\$10 million per year covers environmental scope development, contractor removal activities (including containment, removal and disposal) and environmental testing prior to re-occupancy for schools that do not have short term capital renovations scheduled.