## HEALTHY SCHOOLS A Progress Update

PHILADELPHIA

As part of our ongoing commitment to make every school a healthy and welcoming environment for teaching and learning, we invested over \$250 million in 2020 to accelerate our building improvement efforts. Here are some highlights of our accomplishments this year:

## **Improve Environmental Conditions**

- Certified 28 more schools as lead safe. Total number of lead safe schools is 100.
- Completed asbestos abatement, remediation or repair projects at 183 schools.
  - Removed over 229,000 square feet (five acres) and 77,000 linear feet (14 miles) of asbestos containing material like pipe insulation and floor tile from schools.





- 100% of initial <u>ventilation assessments</u> completed in schools.
  - Initial assessment reports are posted here.
  - All but 66 schools have fully operational ventilation systems, with no repairs needed.
  - Once balancing, abatement or repairs are completed in the remaining 66 schools, follow up reports will be posted <u>here</u>.





## **Build New Schools and Additions, and Renovate Existing Schools**

- Advanced construction on 3 new school buildings and 3 school additions.
- Completed major projects like new science and computer labs, bathroom renovations, locker installations, mechanical systems upgrades at 11 schools.
- Total of 15 new or completely renovated buildings since 2015.









## **Modernize Early Literacy Classrooms**

• Modernized all early literacy classrooms in 11 schools. Total modernizations to date: 510 classrooms across 39 schools.









More detailed information for our building improvement projects is available on the Capital Programs website <u>here</u>. The site will be updated often as projects conclude and new projects are scheduled. You can also learn more about the strategies guiding our work by reading the <u>Operations Strategic Plan</u>.

We are happy with this year's progress, but acknowledge that there is much more to be done. We remain committed to our ongoing work of providing the safe and welcoming buildings for all students and staff.

Thank you for being part of the progress!