



Building On Our Progress: Paint and Plaster Stabilization

District Receives \$7.6M State Grant to Address Lead Paint in Schools

On June 29, 2018, Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent Hughes and members of the Philadelphia state delegation announced a \$7.6 million grant to address lead paint in our school facilities.

This grant will allow us to advance on our goal to create healthy, safe and welcoming environments at forty (40) schools.

Schools were selected for this work because of the quantity and severity of damaged paint documented during inspections performed by licensed professionals.



Our Goal: Safe, Healthy & Welcoming Environments for Students & Staff

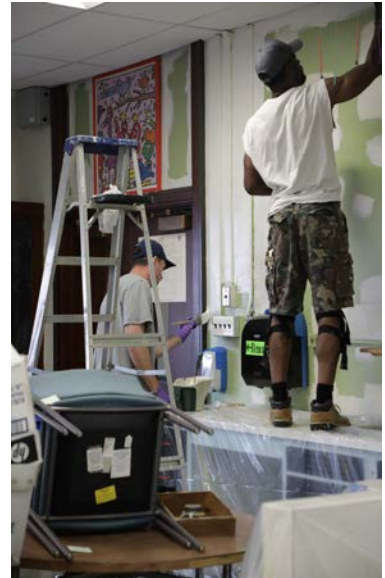
Paint and Plaster Stabilization is a term that describes the process of a qualified and certified group of trained professionals performing the removal of loose, peeling, and damaged paint and plaster under controlled conditions. The work is performed in accordance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule. The purpose of the work is to enhance classroom environments and remove the risk of lead exposure to children in our District.



Professional Consultants & Contractors Hired to Complete Work

Schools selected for paint and plaster stabilization will go through a five (5) step process:

1. **Identification:** Use available data to identify paint and plaster damage in school buildings.
2. **Assessment:** Schedule an Environmental Consultant to identify all areas of paint and plaster damage, complete a detailed report, and develop a project scope.
3. **Remediation:** District maintenance and qualified contractors complete paint and plaster repairs using lead-safe work practices.
4. **Testing:** Test surfaces after work is completed to confirm they are free of lead dust and safe for re-occupancy after the work is complete.
5. **Cleaning:** Deep clean of space to return for use by school administration.



School Communities are Critical to the Project's Success

The District will follow a cleaning and testing protocol developed in partnership with parents, the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, and members of the Philadelphia Healthy Schools Coalition. The partnership and involvement of school staff, students, parents and partners are critical to ensuring this project's success.

How You Can Help:

1. Share information about the project on school based social media and school based listservs.
2. Identify two parents to serve on Project Team and/or be a point of contact.
3. Attend project update meetings and testing demonstrations.
4. Review the project scope and weekly schedule.
5. Volunteer to de-clutter and prepare spaces for work.
6. Reach out to your public officials and express support for resources to address school building conditions.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure students and staff have the buildings they deserve.