Building On Our Progress:
Building Improvement Update

Working towards our goal to provide clean, safe, and warm schools in every neighborhood, schools across the city have improved and transformed, as dedicated maintenance teams address environmental issues, improve building cleanliness, and modernize classrooms.

Fast Facts:
Since July 1, 2018

- 6 Schools with completed Paint and Plaster projects
- 5 Additional schools starting paint and plaster renovations
- 30,000 Students served in improved classrooms by end of year
- 75 Completed mold remediation projects
- 17 Completed asbestos abatements
District maintenance painters and contractors have successfully completed damaged paint and plaster repairs at the Finletter, Logan, Emlen, AS Jenks, Barton, and Kirkbride schools. This winter, paint and plaster repairs will begin at Cooke, Elkin, Roosevelt, Taggart and Meade elementary schools. At project completion, an estimated 330,000 square feet of space will be improved and made safer for more than 30,000 students.

Since July 1, 120 visits have been conducted to examine indoor environmental quality in schools. In instances where hazards were identified, 75 mold remediation projects and 17 asbestos abatements have been completed.

To ensure air quality, humidity sensors have been installed in several schools allowing for early detection. Additionally, all Building Engineers have received mold awareness training, are equipped with handheld humidity sensors, and are knowledgeable in the District’s updated early detection prevention maintenance protocol program. Building Engineers also received training on asbestos monitoring techniques.