

## Office of Environmental Management

Operations Department 440 North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19130

January 3, 2020

Dear Franklin Learning Center Community,

On Tuesday, December 17, 2019, the Office of Environmental Management & Services identified an imminent hazard involving damage to asbestos-containing pipe insulation at Franklin Learning Center.

As a result of these findings, the areas that contained the imminent hazards were immediately closed off. School was closed from Wednesday, December 18, 2019 until Thursday, January 2, 2020. Any students or staff that used those spaces were relocated until the damage was repaired, and the hazard was removed. The area has been tested, and determined to be safe for students and staff to use. In addition, over the winter break, additional work was conducted, including painting and roof and plumbing repairs.

The health of our students and the safety of our schools remains a top priority. To learn more about asbestos and what the District is doing to improve environmental safety, please visit the website at the bottom of this page. The website contains answers to key questions about asbestos, and several videos from internationally known asbestos expert, Dr. Arthur Frank. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email <a href="mailto:environmental@philasd.org">environmental@philasd.org</a>, or call 215-400-4750.

Sincerely,

The School District of Philadelphia
Office of Environmental Management & Services

