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Dear Masterman School Community,

I'm writing to provide an update on the actions that we are taking to ensure that our school is healthy and safe for students and staff. An environmental consultant assessed the Masterman School's facility conditions and provided a report to the District. All previous imminent hazards were addressed by The Office of Environmental Management and Services, and those areas passed the re-occupancy criteria required by the Philadelphia Asbestos Control Regulations and are safe for students and staff.

During the assessment, minor damage to asbestos insulation was found in three classrooms, closets, hallways and staff offices. The Office of Environmental Management and Services is working to repair these damages. All work will be completed after school hours, and students will not be in the building at that time. We expect these areas to be free of damaged asbestos before December 31, 2019.

I understand this process will be challenging for our school community. However, we are taking all the steps necessary to ensure that the school is safe, and the health of our students and staff remains a top priority.

As additional information becomes available about the completion of the abatement plan, I will be sure to communicate with our school community once this matter is fully resolved. This letter and any additional communication will also be posted on our website. Thank you for supporting Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send an e-mail to [environmental@philasd.org](mailto:environmental@philasd.org), or call 215-400-4750.

Sincerely,

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