



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
440 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

William R. Hite, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent

November 20, 2020

Dear Southwark Elementary School Community,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an environmental safety update for work at Southwark Elementary School. While all District schools remain closed as part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19, the Office of Environmental Management and Services (OEMS) was able to remove asbestos containing materials (ACM) that were found in the school during the 6-Month Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) inspection. The AHERA inspection was conducted at your school on October 21, 2020.

Damaged asbestos-containing pipe insulation was removed throughout the basement pipe chase. The work performed in the area was completed by licensed asbestos abatement contractors and monitored by independent asbestos project inspectors. With the completion of this work, the aforementioned area has been deemed safe for reoccupancy.

The health and well-being of our students and staff remains our top priority and we are committed to ensuring that all buildings are safe environments for instruction and learning. To learn more about asbestos and what the District is doing to improve environmental safety, please visit our website at www.philasd.org/healthyschools. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email environmental@philasd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Hite, Jr." followed by a stylized flourish.

William R. Hite, Jr. Ed.D.

For more information please visit our website or scan code with your camera
WWW.PHILASD.ORG/HEALTHYSCHOOLS

