

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF

July 26, 2018

# **Building On Our Progress:** Summer Building Improvement Updates

### Summer cleaning underway at Philadelphia's public schools

New building cleaning standards were adopted in Spring 2018 and can be viewed on the Office of **Facilities and Maintenance** website. Building Engineers and their staff are busy cleaning classrooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums, and hallways preparing them for students and staff in anticipation of the new school year starting on August 27.





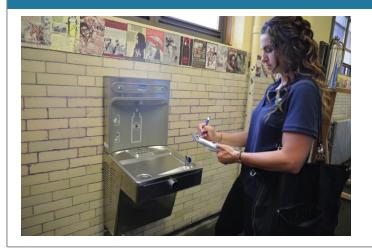


School

Starts August 27



#### Detailed inspections are keeping classrooms safe



The Office of Environmental Management and Services is conducting AHERA inspections in schools. Consultants are critically inspecting every space in the school looking for signs of indoor environmental quality hazards such as asbestos, mold, and damaged paint and plaster. These thorough checks ensure that our schools are clean learning spaces for students.

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# Lead paint project finishes at Jackson Elementary School

Jackson Elementary is one of the first schools where teams have finished repairing damaged paint and plaster. Maintenance teams at the elementary school in the Passyunk Square neighborhood scraped and painted over 2,000 square feet of damaged paint and plaster across 93 spaces in the school.

Learn more about these projects at the <u>Paint and</u> <u>Plaster Stabilization website</u>.

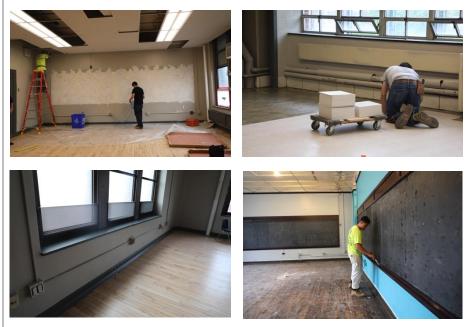








Classroom modernization projects progress at GW Childs, James Rhoads, and John Taggart Elementary Schools



The District is modernizing 39 classrooms at Childs, Rhoads, and Taggart schools this summer. This work includes redoing the floors and ceilings, repainting, replacing the furniture and cabinetry, and upgrading the network access and electrical outlets. Contractors are making great progress towards being ready for school opening.

This summer, classrooms will be modernized at 11 schools altogether in preparation for the new school year.

The new school year starts on August 27, 2018