Governor Wolf recently announced the Commonwealth would provide Philadelphia public schools with $7.6 million to address lead paint. This money will be used to hire contractors to scrape and repaint 40 schools.

The District’s maintenance teams have finished painting at Jackson and Nebinger Elementary schools. Work will continue over the summer with contractors starting next at Clara Barton, Eleanor Emlen, and A.S. Jenks Elementary schools.

Improving our early literacy classroom environments at William Rowan Elementary School and Edward Steel Elementary School

The District is modernizing classrooms at 11 schools this summer to continue progress toward its anchor goal that 100% of 8-year-olds will read on or above grade level. This work includes redoing the floors and ceilings, repainting, replacing the furniture and cabinetry, and upgrading the network access and electrical outlets. The District will have modernized 27 classrooms in the Steel and Rowen schools by summer’s end.
Improving air quality at Munoz-Marin Elementary School

Contractors at the Munoz-Marin school are replacing over 40 unit ventilators and 11 air handlers to prevent moisture buildup that can cause mold. They are also replacing ducts to improve air quality throughout the school.

Improvements at focus schools Edward Gideon Elementary School and General Louis Wagner Middle School

Gideon Elementary School and Wagner Middle School were identified for additional investments and support in school year 2017-18 to improve student academic outcomes. Maintenance workers are replacing ceiling tiles and lights and refreshing the walls with new paint in the common areas. At the Gideon school, Maintenance is partnering with Food Services to also fully upgrade the cafeteria with new lighting, flooring, and furniture.