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Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may have heard about a *Philadelphia Inquirer* story published recently, a 6ABC segment or other reports about environmental issues in school buildings. This letter is to explain to you how the School District of Philadelphia has been and will continue to make repairs at Roosevelt School to keep students and staff safe. Our 94 year-old building has many needs. This is challenging, especially given limited financial resources of the District. Please know that we take the health and welfare of our students and staff very seriously.

Some of the investments that have been made to improve Roosevelt include:

- Completion of 358 work orders between July 1, 2017 to May 9, 2018.
- Completion of a federally-required Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) inspection on November 8, 2017, by Criterion Labs, a professionally licensed environmental firm.
- Removal of asbestos was conducted by the District's licensed abatement personnel as follows:
 - 3/28/17, Basement, Old Library Storage Room, Pipe Insulation 2-6 inch
 - 8/21/17, 1st floor, Classroom 102, Pipe Insulation 2-6 inch
 - 8/21/17, 1st floor Classroom 102, Floor Tile VAT 9" x 9"
- Testing of all drinking outlets on December 30, 2016 and March 8, 2017 and the instillation of three new hydration stations.

This summer Roosevelt will receive extensive renovations to the building to replace critical building systems and upgrading our elementary grade classrooms. The construction is slated to start in June, it's anticipated to take 14 months. It will include the following:

- Façade repairs to all 4 elevations, asphalt paving and fencing site
- Landscaping repairs, installation of a handicap ramp and new elevator (ADA)
- New basketball hoops/backboards, asphalt painted schoolyard games & walking track
- Demolition of existing fire alarm and installation of new fire alarm system
- Relocation of the main office from the 2nd floor to the 1st floor
- Priming and painting of all hallways, replacement of toilet room exhaust fans
- Replacement of the cafeteria flooring
- Renovations to 12 classrooms including new flooring, painting, lighting, interactive display panel, lighting, and additional electrical outlets and data.

You are welcome to come to Roosevelt to review the 6-month AHERA report, and can view our school's water test results online at:

www.philasd.org/capitalprograms/programsservices/environmental/water-testing/.

No single test can ever fully reflect the needs in our buildings. The School District of Philadelphia strongly disagrees with the unscientific testing methods some of the journalists have used in their reports. The District uses licensed and certified personnel to conduct inspections according to city, state and federal regulations.

Across the city millions of dollars have been invested in several important initiatives to document the condition of our school facilities to better inform and prioritize how we fix and improve building conditions. Moving forward, the School District will continue documenting conditions, meeting all city, state and federal testing requirements, and making necessary repairs in response.

The safety of your children and our staff is my priority. I am here to discuss your questions and concerns. I have been in conversations with the District to reevaluate and address any areas of concern within our building.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hayes, Principal