

To: ANC1C, SMD1C09, Commissioner John Jones
From: The Department of General Services (DGS)
Date: May 22, 2023
Subject: H.D. Cooke Elementary School: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Jones:

The Department of General Services (DGS) takes our commitment to maintaining the health and safety of our residents seriously. One of our responsibilities is executing the Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020, which requires DGS to conduct proactive, routine testing of public buildings across 17 environmental parameters. We write to you today about test results and related remediation at a building in your Single Member District.

During routine testing at H.D. Cooke Elementary School, we found deteriorating lead-based paint on exterior window frames and in one hallway on the second floor. We are developing a project design to address the issue and will coordinate with the school and building management to remediate the issue. If you would like to track the progress of this work, the work order number is 742429.

Note: Remediation of the deteriorating lead-based paint is not currently expected to impact school operations.

We also found rodent burrows along the rear of the building. DGS has resolved the issue by treating and closing the burrows as of May 15, 2023.

What are the next steps? In accordance with the Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020, details will be available on the DGS website. DGS will also hold a public meeting on June 7 at 6:30pm to share details. You can join the meeting by using this link: <https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m0d09fc53383c1344d8af1c7b4cf9b7f5>. Feel free to share this link with community members as needed.

We appreciate your time and understanding of the work that we are doing to maintain the health and safety of those who go to school and work at H.D. Cooke Elementary School. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at environmental.dgs@dc.gov.