

**To:** ANC6D, SMD6D01, Commissioner Bob Link  
**From:** The Department of General Services (DGS)  
**Date:** May 22, 2023  
**Subject:** Jefferson Middle School: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Link:

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 Jefferson Middle School, we found elevated dust levels in the boiler room. We are determining the source of the dust and will remediate it as appropriate. We also found rodent burrows along the outside of the building. DGS will dispatch a pest control team to resolve the issue by treating and closing the burrows.

*Note: Remediation of these issues is not expected to impact school operations.*

**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 Jefferson Middle School. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at [environmental.dgs@dc.gov](mailto:environmental.dgs@dc.gov).