

**To:** ANC4B, SMD4B09

**From:** The Department of General Services (DGS)

**Date:** July 25, 2023

**Subject:** LaSalle-Backus Education Campus: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

4B Commissioners:

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 located at 501 Riggs Road NE.

During routine testing at the LaSalle-Backus Education Campus, we found two environmental risks, as defined by the legislation.

The first finding was of moisture in Theatre Room 107 on the northwest side of the building, which can lead to mold and mildew. The estimated completion date for remediation of that issue is August 14. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order number is 749113. The second finding was of excess particulate matter in the boiler room, which was resolved on July 24. The work order number for that completed work is 749115.

**What are the next steps?** In accordance with the Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020, details and test results will be available on the DGS website. DGS will also hold a public meeting on August 16 at 6:30pm to share details. You can join the meeting by using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/DGSEnvironmentalTesting3>. Feel free to share the 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 work and go to school at the LaSalle-Backus Education Campus. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at [environmental.dgs@dc.gov](mailto:environmental.dgs@dc.gov).