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Dear School Community:

Stoddard-Fleisher building was built in 1920, which places it well over 90 years ago. As most of you know, the architecture of the building is absolutely stunning from the marble floors, stairways to stain glass windows. Over the years, the district has invested tremendous amounts of time and funding into maintaining the architectural integrity of the building while simultaneously upgrading the building to the 21st century codes. As with any old building, some materials that were used are not up to today's standards.

The safety and health of our students and staff is our highest priority. With that being said, I have some great news! As some of you are aware, over the last school year, the district abated a few rooms of asbestos. As a result of parental and staff meetings with the district, the district has developed a plan to remove all asbestos from the building. Since the building is very old, it will take some time but the district is committed to removing all of it. The work will be done in phases and will last throughout the school year. The priority is to work on areas that are and will be occupied by teachers and students. Work will be done in the evenings during the school year but over the summer, it will be done during the day. The district has assured me that there is no danger to any occupants in the building in its present condition but as a precaution, they just rather remove everything and it is more cost efficient in the long run.

Work will begin the week of July 29th and will last throughout the school year. Our school's asbestos management plan can be found on the School District's website at www.philasd.org/asbestos.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the District's Environmental Office at 215-400-4750.

Sincerely,

Anh Nguyen
School Principal