

**To:** ANC4B, SMD 4B03, Chairperson Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis  
**From:** The Department of General Services (DGS)  
**Date:** June 25, 2024  
**Subject:** Hearst Elementary School: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Chairperson Bradley-Lewis:

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 the Single Member District 3A03 located at 3950 37<sup>th</sup> St NW.

During routine testing at Hearst Elementary School, we found four environmental risks, as defined by the legislation:

- Visible entry for pests along the rear exterior entrance. The work order is 785611 if you want to track the progress of remediation.
- Evidence of pest intrusion within the first floor. The work order is 785612 if you want to track the progress of remediation.
- Moisture was identified near the water fountain and within rooms on the first and second floors. The work order is 785615 if you want to track the progress of remediation.
- Water intrusion was identified near the water fountain and walls surrounding it. The work order is 785614 if you want to track the progress of the remediation.

**What are the next steps?** As part of our commitment to transparency and community engagement, we will be sharing all details and test results in accordance with the Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020 on the DGS website. Additionally, we invite you and the community to a public meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 6:30pm. You can join the meeting by using this link: <https://dgs.dc.gov/event/dgs-public-facilities-environmental-safety-meeting-june-2024>. Please feel free to share the link with community members as needed.

We appreciate your time and understanding of our work to maintain the health and safety of those who work, play, and attend Hearst Elementary School. If you have questions, please contact Chellese Grove, DGS External Affairs Division, at [environmental.dgs@dc.gov](mailto:environmental.dgs@dc.gov).