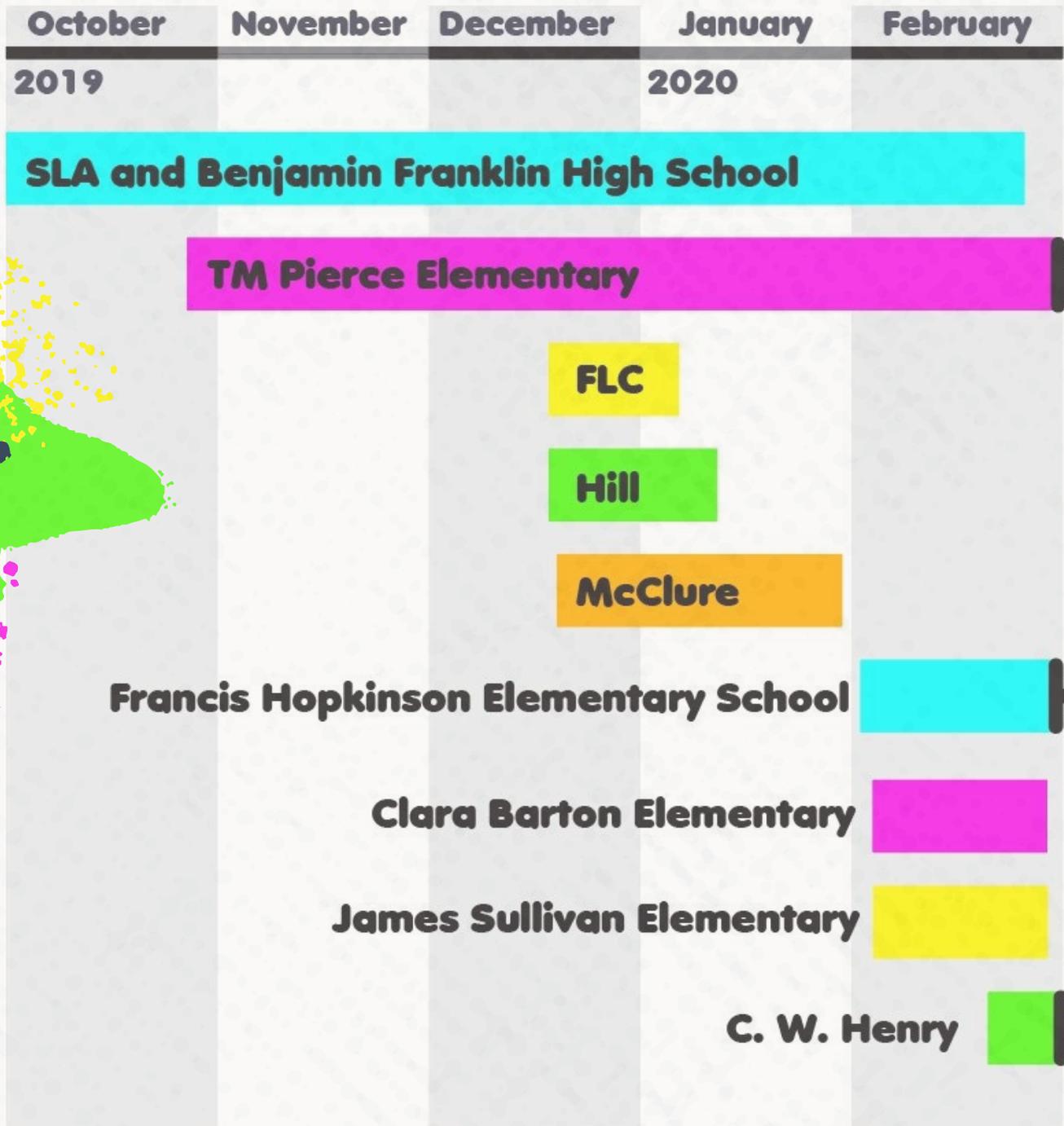


DURATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO ASBESTOS IN THE 2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR



REFERENCE KEY

→ School was still closed as of February 2020

— One month

School impacted by asbestos

SOURCE

<https://bit.ly/3EaP6hY>



HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND OUR COMMUNITY

1. Parents should report hazardous conditions to the school district and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

To report hazardous conditions-

Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection by phone at 484-250-5900 or via email at RA-epcontactus@pa.gov.

Contact the Philadelphia school board by phone @ (215) 400-4000 or by submitting a form using the link below-

<https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/contact/>

2. Parents/Community should educate students on products that contain asbestos so they can avoid coming in contact with these products (Check out the information below).

<https://www.asbestos.com/products/>

3. Encourage your students to be aware of their surroundings and to stay calm if they come in contact with asbestos. To protect themselves and peers students should report concerns directly to a teacher or staff and limit contact in the area.

4. If you think your child has come into contact with asbestos, contact a doctor or health care professional.

RESOURCES



<https://bit.ly/3J5wXGb>
Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry -
Asbestos and Your Health

<https://bit.ly/3FffHag>
Environmental Working
Group - Five Myths About
Asbestos in Schools



COMMUNITY VOICES

HERE is what the community has to say about asbestos and how it has affected our teachers, students, and staff health in our schools -

"WE DO NOT FEEL SAFE IN THE BUILDING"

- Ethan Tannen, Masterman Teacher

"We were told we weren't allowed to go in [the room affected by asbestos] at all [...] but there wasn't really a choice if there had to be a set for the musical."

-STUDENT AT MASTERMAN

"MY KIDS ARE BREATHING IT IN [...] YOU HAVE GOT TO GET MY BABIES OUT OF THERE"

- School District of Philadelphia Teacher

"WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY ASBESTOS IN ANY DUST ANYWHERE"

- Christine Oliver, a former Harvard Medical School professor and author of a 1991 study about the health impacts of asbestos on custodial staff at Boston public schools.

"WE WILL NOT STAND FOR ASBESTOS IN OUR BLACK AND BROWN SCHOOLS"

- Herman Douglas, Teacher at Bethune Elementary

"The science labs could have been a lot safer, a lot better, if they weren't all 20 years old"

- COLLEGE SENIOR AND FORMER MASTERMAN STUDENT

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Concerns linger a year after
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Philadelphia Inquirer - "How
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Shape the Asbestos Crisis..."

Asbestos Crisis in Philadelphia Schools

★ Philadelphia schools closed due to asbestos
in order of closure since October 2019.



- 1. Benjamin Franklin High School**
Number of Students - 500
- 2. Science Leadership Academy**
Number of Students - 500
- 3. T.M. Peirce Elementary**
Number of Students - 500
- 4. Pratt Early Childhood Center**
Number of Students - 150
- 5. Franklin Learning Center**
Number of Students - 900
- 6. Alexander K. McClure Elementary**
Number of Students - 650
- 7. Laura H. Carnell Elementary**
Number of Students - 1,000
- 8. Francis Hopkinson Elementary**
Number of Students - 900
- 9. Clara Barton Elementary**
Number of Students - 500
- 10. James J. Sullivan Elementary**
Number of Students - 750
- 11. Charles W. Henry School**
Number of Students - 500



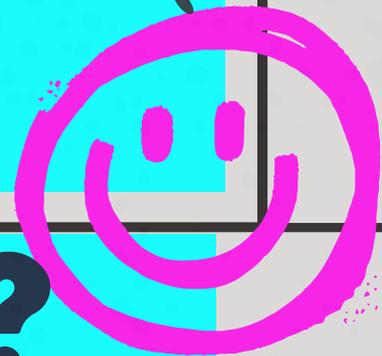
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NEED HELP?

Are you a Philly Student with questions about advocating for better schools, testifying at school board meetings, or anything else? Contact us at:

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to get support from our team of experienced current and former school-district students!

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