



# West Aurora School District 129

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may have heard, the State of Illinois passed a new law that requires all elementary schools and daycare centers to have all water sources used for drinking and cooking be tested for lead. The new law requires school districts to notify parents of any water source that test at 5 parts per billion (ppb) or more of lead concentration.

The new law stipulates that water testing had to be completed by the end of 2017 for all facilities built on or before January 1, 1987, that are occupied by more than 10 children or students, pre-kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For facilities built after January 1, 1987, testing must be completed by the end of 2018.

Testing has been completed for the 10 school buildings which were built before 1987. District 129 tested a total of 168 faucets and drinking fountains for concentrations of lead. 32 faucets tested positive for concentrations of lead greater than 5ppb. It was determined that **none** of the drinking fountains contained any concentrations of lead.

Attached is a list of water samples taken from your child's school with a concentration of lead greater than 5ppb. The attachment also lists the location of the faucets.

All faucets that failed the first draw or second draw of testing, will be restricted to hand-wash only until the issues have been mitigated.

While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) sets what is called an "action level" for lead in water at 15ppb, the new Illinois law requires districts to take action and notify families if levels of lead found in water are above 5ppb.

Surrounding municipalities have their own set of levels that are below the EPA standards which range from 0ppb to 10ppb. Meaning that the water sources that supply our schools have varying concentrations of lead depending on each municipality's standards for water quality. For more information about lead in drinking water, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

Should you have any questions, please contact Angie Smith at 630-301-5032.

Sincerely,

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