

Glenview School District 34

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Dear District 34 Families,

Following recent national news, Glenview District 34 engaged an environmental engineering firm to conduct sample testing of the water in all eight schools and the administrative offices. Please know that all water that directly feeds into our schools is regularly tested and found to be safe by the Village. District 34 opted to participate in this additional form of testing as an extra precaution for our students and staff.

Today we received confirmation of our testing and want to share with the parent community that all drinking fountain water tested was found to be below the Environmental Protection Agency's acceptable levels of lead in schools. Additionally, every faucet tested that supplies water for preparation of food was also found to be safe.

One sample from a kitchen faucet at Hoffman School had elevated levels of lead according to state and federal standards. This faucet, which no children have direct contact with, is used solely to rinse trays before they are put in a dishwasher that uses heated water as part of the sanitizing process.

After receiving these results, the administration immediately shut down all water into the kitchen at Hoffman to make sure there was no risk to food preparation until additional testing could be completed and the problem faucet repaired. Additional testing at Hoffman has confirmed there is no problem with the water supply used in food preparation, and we expect the repair of the problem faucet to be completed by Friday, April 15.

Again, we want to stress that the water sources from the village that feed into all of our schools – including Hoffman -- are completely safe. The only reason the water sample from the kitchen tested positive was because of the sink fixture, which we immediately shut down for repair.

The safety and security of our students and staff is our number one priority. With that in mind, and in an abundance of caution, we are now in the process of testing of every water fixture not included in the initial sample --- all faucets and fountains -- at every school. The results of this testing are expected to be available mid-week next week, and we will follow-up with additional communication about those results.

Until we have received these results, we have taken the extra precaution of closing off all drinking fountains that were not included as part of the initial sample testing. Drinking fountains and sinks that have already been found to be negative will remain open, and we will also supply bottled water to students in need of additional water. Parents are certainly welcome to send their own water (not in glass containers) with their child to school.



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We feel confident in all the additional, precautionary measures we are taking to ensure the safety of our water fixtures and faucets, and we will continue to provide information to the parent community as soon as practical.

Sincerely, Superintendent Mike Nicholson