

**Norridge School District 80**

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*Inspiring Educational Excellence in a Nurturing Environment*

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Dear District 80 Parents/Guardians and Staff Members:

On January 16, 2017, Governor Rauner signed Senate Bill (SB) 05 (Illinois Public Act 99-0922) into law. This law requires all school districts in Illinois to complete water testing at all Pre-K - 5 sites built before January 1, 1987. The water sources tested are accessible to students, faculty and staff for cooking and/or drinking.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) sets what is called an *action level* for lead in water at 15 parts per billion (ppb). However, the Illinois law establishes more stringent guidelines, requiring districts to take action and notify parents if lead is found in water when levels are at or above 5 ppb. Please note that neither the 15 ppb, nor the state's threshold of 5 ppb, are a health-based standard. Both the EPA and state levels were set to trigger organizations to take action and mitigate the levels of lead, but are not accompanied by any requirements regarding medical tests or healthcare. District 80 strictly followed these guidelines and tested all Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) required drinking water sources within our 2 schools.

School District 80 contracted with **Aires Consulting**, an environmental health company, to conduct the required testing. The testing took place at Giles School and Leigh school in December, in all required locations. The IDPH has been given the results in full. The results can be seen on our webpage.

Within the 59 sources, **the testing verified that all functioning drinking fountains at District 80 schools have met national standards and are considered safe for students and staff members to drink.** District 80 results showed that out of the 59 water sources tested using IDPH guidelines, 58 were within safe/acceptable ranges. Giles School had no readings of over 5 ppb. Only one of the 60 water sources was found to have levels higher than the IDPH notification requirement of 5 ppb. **This unit was lower than the 15ppb U.S. E.P.A Action Level.**

The one identified source requiring attention is:

- Leigh School nonfunctionalfountain by lower level 147, is in an area inaccessible to students and staff.

**Mitigation Action**

The District immediately followed IDPH mitigation guidance for the above unit.

- The unit has been turned off and now eliminated.

To summarize, all functioning drinking fountains and sinks at District 80 schools have met national standards and are safe. Please know that the safety of our staff and students is our top priority. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [phurley@norridge80.net](mailto:phurley@norridge80.net).

Sincerely,



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cc: Board of Education