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June 26, 2019

Liliana Cardenas
Director of Maintenance and Operations
Foster High School
4242 South 144th St
Tukwila, Washington 98168

Dear Liliana Cardenas:

Thank you for helping us implement the governor's directive on lead and improve the health and safety of children in Washington.

On June 18, 2019, water samples were collected from two drinking water fixtures at Foster High School and tested for lead. There was no detectable lead in the samples tested. The test results from your school are attached.

Children are exposed to lead from a variety of sources in their environments. Exposure sources include dust from old, deteriorating lead paint, contaminated soil, take-home exposures from parents who work in certain industries, and many others. Each of these sources contributes to the amount of lead in the bodies of children.

It is important to reduce exposure from every source as much as possible. Though your results were none detect, we want you to continue to reduce lead in drinking water and children's overall exposure to lead.

What to do next:

1. **Communicate** with staff, students, parents and the community about water test results and any actions you are taking in response. Please note: we will post results on the DOH website, no sooner than one month from the date of this letter.
 - We have included a template letter that can be customized to communicate to parents and your school community.
 - We suggest making the results available on your district website and through your office.
2. **Address** the sources of lead in the drinking water at your school. To assist you we have included the "Guidelines for Responding to Lead Test Results" matrix and a list of recommended actions. *There are resources in the capital facilities budget set aside for remediation. Please contact Justin Rogers with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction at 360-725-6261 or email at Justin.rogers@k12.wa.us for further information.*
3. **Notify** us if your school district cannot immediately address issues identified by these results. Please describe interim measures that will be taken to reduce exposure to lead from those fixtures which had

elevated lead results and any plans for remediation. This information should also be provided to staff and your community.

How were the samples taken and analyzed?

Cold water samples were collected from every tap used by students for drinking or used to prepare food for students. These were “first draw” samples, in which the water is allowed to sit in the plumbing system for 8 to 18 hours before the sample is collected. Samples were analyzed by our Public Health Laboratory using EPA method 200.8.

If you have questions regarding test results, or need additional information please contact me at 360.236.3248, or e-mail at annemarie.charles@doh.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Marie Charles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anne Marie Charles
School Lead in Drinking Water Coordinator

Recommended Actions: None

It appears that you are taking adequate steps to reduce children's exposure to lead in drinking water in your school. Please continue with your process.



Name of Sampler: Lisa Christensen
Date Collected: 6/18/2019
School Name: Foster High School
School Code: 2848
School District: Tukwila
School Address: 4242 South 144th St, Tukwila WA 98168
School County: King
Number of Samples Collected: 2
School Point of Contact (POC): Liliana Cardenas
POC Title: Director of Maintenance and Operations
POC Email: cardenasl@tukwila.wednet.edu
POC Phone Number: (206) 901-8020
Date Samples Sent to Lab: 06/18/2019
Date Samples Received by Lab: 6/20/2019
Shipment Tracking Number: 787958786576

Program ID	Sample Type	Description	Location	Lead Results (ppb)	Analysis Date	Comments
25701	other	other		<1	6/22/2019	06642, 6:41 AM
25702	FirstDraw	Bubbler	Room 317	1	6/22/2019	Post fixture replacement, conditioned 2x a day for 2-3 minutes over a week