

May 17, 2017

Dear Parents and Staff:

As of January 16, 2017, SB 0550 was signed by Governor Bruce Rauner which requires all public and private schools occupied by student in grades preschool through fifth grade to test for lead in water sources used for drinking and cooking. All school buildings constructed before 2000 are required to be tested this year.

Zion Elementary School District 6 is diligent about ensuring our facilities are safe and healthy for students to learn. Part of ensuring a healthy learning environment is making sure our water sources are clean and safe for consumption. The District tested the water at all of our schools, including Zion Central Middle School. Testing results identified lead levels exceeding 5 parts per billion (ppb). In each location, any water fixture showing lead levels higher than the EPA threshold recommendation of 20 ppb have been immediately taken out of service until the needed remediation has taken place.

Please see the chart contained within this notification which indicates locations that tested above Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and EPA guidelines in your child's school. Zion Elementary District 6 is quickly remediating the situation through the flushing of pipes and replacement of fixtures. As the safety and security of our students and staff is our number one priority, though EPA guidelines require remediation for all fixture with lead levels above 20 ppb, Zion Elementary District 6 is remediating all fixtures yielding a lead level above 5 ppb. Once the work is complete, water samples will be drawn to re-test these locations to ensure they meet guidelines for appropriate lead levels.

I want to emphasize that we have clean safe drinking water in your child's school. The areas of concern have been turned off as potential drinking sources for students until remediation is complete. Bottled water has been provided daily for schools in which drinking water fixtures have been heavily impacted. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Adam Tjardes, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, at 847-379-0238 or atjardes@zion6.org. Additional water testing information for Zion Elementary District 6 can be viewed on our District website at

http://www.zion6.org/about_us/departments/operations_facilities/water_source_testing_information/.

More information about lead in drinking water can be found on the EPA website at:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/toolkit_leadschools_guide_3ts_leadschools.pdf

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Dr. Keely Roberts

Superintendent

All water sources have two samples collected. The first collection at each source is a “first draw” sample. Water collection occurs in first draw samples after sources were unused for at least eight (8) hours but not more than 18 hrs. The second sample is a “flush” sample. Water at that source is collected after 30 seconds of flushing.

**Water fixtures have been temporarily taken out of service due to lead levels higher than the EPA threshold recommendation of 20 ppb.*

School	First Draw Sample	Flush Sample
Beulah Park Elementary	Kitchen East Sink: 5.33 ppb Sink Outside Room 101: 7.09 ppb Drinking Fountain Outside Room 101: 5.05 ppb	
East Elementary	Kitchen East Sink: 9.5 ppb Kitchen Center Sink: 12.4 ppb Room 104 Sink: 13.4 ppb Room 103 Sink: 12.2 ppb	Kitchen East Sink: 12.9 ppb Kitchen West Sink: 26.3 ppb
Elmwood Elementary	Kitchen West Sink: 5.18 ppb Drinking Fountain Room 203: 67.9 ppb*	Drinking Fountain Room 203: 34.4 ppb.*
Lakeview Preschool	2 nd Floor Conference Room Sink: 6.52 ppb Kiln Room Sink: 10.9 ppb Drinking Fountain Near Room 106: 5.69 ppb Room 103 Sink: 6.44 ppb Sink Across From Room 10: 22.7 ppb*	Kiln Room Sink: 9.25 ppb Drinking Fountain Near Room 106: 6.47 ppb Drinking Fountain Near Room 108: 9.92 ppb Drinking Fountain Outside Faculty Restroom: 13.4 ppb
Shiloh Park Elementary	Room 111 Sink: 6.01 ppb Room 112 Sink: 104 ppb* Room 126 Sink: 10.2 ppb Room 113 Sink: 23.7 ppb*	Drinking Fountain Across From Room 119: 6.91 ppb Room 125 Sink: 5.43 ppb Room 113 sink: 5.01 ppb.
West Elementary	Drinking Fountain Across From Room 119: 448 ppb* Drinking Fountain Across From Room 123: 6.74 ppb Kitchen West Sink: 26.2 ppb* Drinking Fountain Gym: 59.6 ppb* Room 103 Sink: 43.3 ppb* Room 104 Sink: 7.62 ppb Drinking Fountain Outside Room 104: 35.1 ppb* Room 101 Sink: 6.04 ppb Room 106 Sink: 35.8 ppb* Drinking Fountain Near Room B1: 18.0 ppb	Drinking Fountain Across From Room 115: 135 ppb* Drinking Fountain Across From Room 119: 213 ppb* Drinking Fountain Gym: 10.7 ppb Nurses Office Sink: 21 ppb* Drinking Fountain Outside Room 104: 25.9 ppb* Room 106 Sink: 6.62 ppb Drinking Fountain Near Room B1: 18.3 ppb.
Zion Central Middle School	Drinking Fountain Maintenance: 12.7 ppb Kitchen South Sink: 153 ppb* Kitchen Center Sink: 10.2 ppb Drinking Fountain Outside Room 203: 7.39 ppb	Drinking Fountain Maintenance: 16.2 ppb Kitchen South Sink: 68.3 ppb*