

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAU #49 OFFICE**

To: GWRSD School Board

From: Kathy O'Blenes, Business Administrator

CC: Caroline Arakelian, Superintendent of Schools

Date: August 21, 2023

RE: SB247 Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning

Per SB247, the school district performed testing of over 810 drinking water samples. The results per law, will be provided to all parents within 5 days. Before we post these results we wanted to provide you an update. Of the 816 samples, 166 were over the limit.

It's normal to have above average counts depending on the age of the building or the amount of use the outlet/faucet gets throughout the day/year. For example, Effingham normally doesn't drink the well water due to the amount of fluoride in the water so they use the bubblers instead which then gives us a higher reading for the built in fountains in the classrooms.

According to the results and the suggestions made by Secondwind, we will either mark the outlets as hand washing only, change out the fixture and retest, or add a filtration system. We will add filtration systems to the kitchen equipment that failed. We will get a tally for faucet we feel need replacement, so we can figure out cost as well as needs. Lastly, we will place signage were necessary.