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Chisago lakes School District #2144
29678 Karmel Ave.
Chisago City, Minnesota, 55013

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff,

On 4/25/2023 Chisago Lakes School District conducted sampling for lead in drinking water. While the major source of lead exposure in most Minnesota children is paint, lead in plumbing fixtures can add to a person's overall exposure. Drinking water in schools and homes may contain lead from old lead pipes, plumbing fixtures (e.g., fountains and faucets), or solder that joins pipe sections together. A school designee sampled 129 taps that are commonly used for drinking and cooking and sent them to a certified drinking water laboratory for analysis.

2 of the taps sampled had results at or above the Environmental Protection Agency's guidance value for lead in school drinking water of 20 parts per billion (ppb). **Any tap that tested at or above 20 ppb was immediately taken out of service.** 127 results were found below the guidance value.

Chisago Lakes School District has taken the following steps to reduce lead exposure by removing and replacing fixtures and retesting. Chisago Lakes School District is also working to find additional solutions to further reduce levels of lead in the drinking water.

Our school is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. If you have questions about a lead sample result at a specific tap and actions taken, or if you have concerns please contact Kyle Boerem at 651-213-2009 or email: kboerem@isd2144.org

To learn more about lead hazards and lead poisoning prevention, see [Lead](http://www.health.state.mn.us/topics/lead/index.html) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/topics/lead/index.html>)

Sincerely,

Kyle Boerem
Director of Buildings and Grounds