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This summer Ionia Public Schools will begin work to comply with the “Michigan Filter First Program”, a program that began in light of the Flint Water Crisis.

The goal of this program is to filter our water at points in our buildings designated as “Points of Consumption”, this also includes areas in kitchens that are used for food preparation.

Ionia Public Schools will be installing additional filtered bottle filling stations/drinking fountains in our buildings to meet the new requirements; the filters on these units are required to meet NSF/ANSI 53 and NSF/ANSI 42 standards.

### **Components that are Requirements of the Program:**

- Complete a Drinking Water Management Plan by January 24, 2025 (this has been completed).
- Ensure all water for students and staff in our buildings is from a filtered source by June 2026.
- Install approved filters on all drinking fixtures by the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Schools must sample water annually.
- The law stipulates that schools and childcare facilities must have one water fountain/water bottle filling station per every 100 students.
- Non-consumptive faucets are required to have signs that contain verbiage such as “This water is not for Drinking”. One sign is sufficient for restrooms with multiple faucets.

Ionia Public School receives yearly water test reports from the City of Ionia assuring that quality water is being supplied to our buildings. In 2018, Ionia Public Schools conducted lead testing in our buildings with results under the State of Michigan's measurable levels.

Feel free to contact me with any questions,

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