Water Testing Overview: Summer 2025

In compliance with regulations set by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the District is notifying families and staff about results obtained following routine water testing conducted at The Winnetka Public Schools in June 2025. **All water fountains equipped with water filtration systems remain compliant with State standards and therefore were not tested.**

The Winnetka Public Schools previously invested in upgraded filtration systems for an aging pipe structure, which has successfully mitigated lead infiltration; however some sources may still produce elevated levels due to the age of the pipe structure within.

Water Testing Findings

Findings which include results above the recommended parts per billion require a mitigation plan, of which the District has been engaged in for nearly a decade. This is most typically accomplished by either source shut-off or sinks marked as "hand-wash only." The District has benefited from the installation of numerous filtered bottle fillers and water fountains to compensate for limitations on older water sources. These systems remain compliant with State standards.

A total of 30 water samples were collected from 15 sources in partnership with *Ramboll US Consulting*. Results from this latest round of testing identified two single source locations which produced lead levels above the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) threshold of 5 parts per billion (ppb) and another tested above the 15 parts per billion (ppb) Environmental Protection Agency acceptable thresholds. **It is important to note that the sources identified were previously labeled "hand washing only" and will remain labeled accordingly.**

Schools	**Water Source Location**
Crow Island School	Room 109 (Kindergarten handwashing sink)*
Greeley School	Teachers Lounge (one handwashing sink)*

>5 ppb & <15 ppb	***water samples with lead concentrations greater than the Illinois Department of Public Health's reporting limit***	>15 ppb	***water samples above the Environmental Protection Agency acceptable threshold***

For further information on this topic, please review the Illinois Department of Public Health resources. The Winnetka Public Schools are committed to the health and safety of all students and adults in our schools and will continue regular testing and mitigation of fixtures throughout the District.