Subject: September 25, 2025 McClymond's Facilities Community Meeting Follow-up

Thank you to everyone who joined our last community meeting focused on **Water Quality at McClymonds High School**. Below is a summary of key updates and information shared by OUSD staff and Facilities team members. For those who did not attend, we encourage you to join a future meeting!

Meeting Discussion

Water Quality Testing Overview

Staff provided a detailed explanation of the District's water testing process.

- Initial testing at McClymonds took place in August 2024, with follow-up testing in January 2025, covering all 26 drinking water fixtures on campus. All samples passed with no elevated lead levels.
- A third round of comprehensive testing occurred in July 2025 as part of District-wide water quality efforts. Results again showed no elevations above 5 ppb.
    - During the summer we have done comprehensive testing in accordance with EPA 3 T sampling.
- The kitchen has been fully re-piped with new copper and now features OUSD's first reverse osmosis (RO) system to ensure clean water for students and staff.

Water Quality Standards and Safety

Federal and State guidelines allow for up to 10 parts per billion (ppb) of lead in drinking water. OUSD holds itself to a higher standard—ensuring drinking water sources meet a limit of 5 ppb or less, a strict water quality standard that OUSD has implemented. Testing includes a three-step process:

1. Water flushed a night before the testing and is left stagnant for 8-18 hours.
2. The next morning, testing is conducted:
    a. Sequential testing for all drinking water fountains, kitchens.
        i. This helps us identify where the elevation is (fixture vs angle stop vs pipe)
    b. Single draw for filtered water stations
3. Samples are sent to the lab for analysis.

Only drinking water sources are tested—not classroom faucets, which are meant for handwashing only, and are labeled as such with a blue sticker. Please note that lead is not absorbed through skin and poses no risk from handwashing.

Water Access on Campus

- All drinking water fixtures at McClymonds are safe and meet OUSD's and State standards.
- Five FloWater systems and one Brita system have been installed at McClymonds. OUSD aims to provide one FloWater unit per 100 students. With McClymonds currently serving around 300 students, the school meets this goal.
- Requests for additional units will be prioritized for schools not yet meeting the standard.
- An exterior FloWater unit was removed due to flooding concerns; these systems are not intended for outdoor use.
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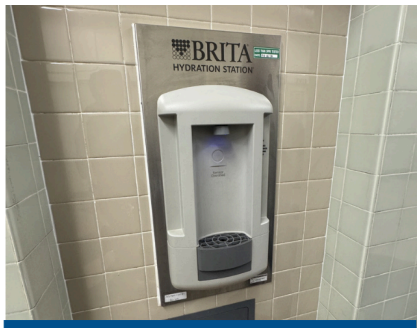
Water Filtration System locations

1st floor outside of Room 114)

2nd floor, outside of Room 212



1st floor, across from Room 7

3rd floor, outside of Room 306

Gym, boys entrance

2nd floor, inside library

The Facilities team continues to monitor and maintain water quality at all schools. As part of the Measure Y modernization project, plumbing system replacements are planned for McClymonds, which will further improve long-term water safety and access.

Meeting Questions Response Summary

Topic: Communication

Q1: How are families receiving information regarding this biweekly meeting?
A1: All families are receiving meeting reminders and updates through OUSD ParentSquare, including the meeting agenda and location details. In addition, the Facilities team is conducting direct outreach to families—especially 9th-grade families and new enrollees—to personally invite them to attend.

To ensure ongoing communication:

- A meeting summary will be shared via ParentSquare after each meeting.
- The agenda for the next meeting will also be posted biweekly.
- A preview of agenda topics for the following month will be shared at the beginning of each month to help families plan ahead.

We are committed to keeping the McClymonds community informed, engaged, and part of this important work.

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In community,

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