



Ephrata Area School District

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RE: Water Testing

Dear District parents/guardians and staff,

On March 19, 2019, the District shared information regarding the completion of the draw sample for all drinking fountains, food processing, and ice machine outlets as part of the District water testing protocol for lead. As was stated in the previous letter:

- The testing was conducted by Westchester Environmental, LLC, an independent group that specializes in water testing.
- The original testing included 269 water outlets.
- The threshold used throughout the testing is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommendation of 15 parts per billion (PPB).
- This is a three-part process:
 1. Draw sample
 2. Follow-up flush sampling
 3. Post-remediation testing
- The initial draw sampling found 14 outlets required further testing and a potential action plan.
- These 14 outlets were withdrawn from service until additional testing or post-remediation was completed with the outlet testing below the EPA recommendation of 15 PPB.
- The locations of these outlets are as follows:
 - Akron – nurse’s office and drinking fountains in classrooms 101, 104, 105, 201, and 400 #1
 - Clay – kitchen outlet #4
 - Highland – drinking fountain in classroom 305
 - Middle School – kitchen outlet #4 and #7, kitchen kettle #1, and drinking fountains in classrooms 62, 66, and 72

The next step was to complete a flush sampling for these 14 outlets, which was completed in late March. We have received the results that **all** water outlets listed above have tested **below** the 15 PPB level. As a further precaution, the District will replace the faucet or drinking fountain

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outlets and conduct a final test to confirm all water outlets remain below the acceptable level. At that point, these outlets will be put back into service.

The District will continue with the water testing protocol to help ensure that students, staff, and guests can have confidence in the water quality in each District building.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

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