

FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Parents/Families of the Freeport Area School District:

Our district's record and efforts around student safety is both noticeable and well documented. Those efforts continue in many ways, including with our biennial testing of our water supplies. Although a public institution on a public water supply is not required to conduct testing, as a proactive measure, we will always seek to confirm that our water supply is safe.

In early August, all fixtures in all buildings commonly used as drinking water or consumption sources (water fountains, kitchen sinks) had two test draws taken from each totaling nearly 200 samples throughout our four buildings. Hand washing and lab sinks, toilets, and urinals were not tested. Our goal was to determine if, even with a confirmed safe supply chain, we had any fixtures, valves, or fittings that were unknowingly deteriorating and causing any exposure at those individual draw points. Our findings/results that were just recently received are below:

- Of the nearly 200 tests, only 5 locations had any detectable trace levels of lead. Those locations are as follows:
 - One sink in the High School Family and Consumer Sciences Room
 - One High School water fountain
 - One sink in a High School Life Skills Support classroom
 - One sink in a High School Faculty Lounge
 - One sink in the South Buffalo Elementary kitchen
- Buffalo Elementary and the Middle School had no detectable readings

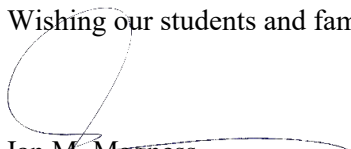
These areas will be either remediated and retested, repurposed, or removed from service completely.

It is important to note, that of the 5 locations with detectable levels, the sum of the draws were still below the Department of Environmental Protection recommended action level of .015 mg/L or 15 parts per billion. Also important to note, these readings were taken after nearly 2 months of dormancy in most locations, with a follow up flush draw detecting no levels of lead. However, any detectable trace at each of these locations was enough for us to remove them from service and take action to remediate.

This communication is provided to our families to reassure you that we are going above and beyond to protect our students, employees, and community. This also represents our intent to be completely transparent with those efforts.

We thank our school community for the continued support of our schools and our efforts to keep everyone safe. Please visit our district website at www.freeport.k12.pa.us for more information. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 724-295-5141.

Wishing our students and families a wonderful, safe start to the new school year,


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