

FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parents/Families of the Freeport Area School District:

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. Our District views this testing as just one of the many ways we seek to protect and keep safe our students and staff.

As in previous years, all fixtures in all buildings commonly used as drinking water or consumption sources (water fountains, kitchen sinks) had two test draws taken from 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. The results of those tests demonstrated that none of our buildings yielded any detectable levels of lead.

Additionally, each building was also tested for the presence of legionella. <u>For Buffalo</u> <u>Elementary, South Buffalo Elementary, and the Middle School, test results yielded no</u> <u>presence of legionella.</u>

At the High School, two restrooms tested for a trace of legionella. Although these readings were well-below established action levels, out of an abundance of caution, these areas will be closed and taken out of service. The prescribed remediation of increased water temperatures and flushing has already commenced and re-testing will be scheduled. These areas will not be placed back into service until re-test results confirm undetectable levels of legionella.

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 <u>www.freeport.k12.pa.us</u> for the full listing of the test results behind the Water Quality tab.

Best wishes,

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