



# 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 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 262 tests, only 2 locations had any detectable trace levels of lead. Both of those locations were High School water fountains.
  - Note: most of these fountains remained covered and unused all of last year - all bottle fillers tested negative
- Buffalo Elementary, South Buffalo Elementary, and Middle Schools had no detectable readings

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

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](http://www.freeport.k12.pa.us) for the full listing of the test results.

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

  
Ian M. Magness  
Superintendent