



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, etc.) had samples taken throughout our four buildings and tested for lead. 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 along that chain and causing any exposure at those individual draw points. A first draw resulted in detectable levels at several draw points in each building except the Middle School - most of these readings likely due to 2 months of latency and inactivity in buildings. However, it is important to note that only four of these first-draw readings required any action, all of which were in High School. After a standard flushing of the systems in each building and a second draw, **NO readings district-wide reached any action level**, and only 7 of those post-flush draws had any detectable levels at all. Those locations are as follows:

- High School Kitchen (one sink)
- High School Home Economics room (three sinks)
- High School Nurse Suite (one sink)
- High School Security Office (one sink)
- High School Library (one sink)

Although no second draw readings required any action at all, our goal is to always reach undetectable levels to remain in service. It is important to note that all of these areas in the High School have been taken completely out of service to have additional filtration installed and will either not be put back into service at all or not be put back into service until retested with undetectable results.

Additionally, given the inactivity of buildings over the Summer, legionella testing was also conducted. **No detectable levels of legionella were present in any building in the district.** NOTE: the High School only had the cafeteria tested, as the remainder of the building was without domestic hot water until recently due to ongoing construction and installation of new boilers for the school. Additional areas will be tested within the next week and will be reported should any action be necessary.

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 for the most up to date test results behind the Water Quality tab.