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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Like many of you, I have always trusted that tap water in the United States is among the safest in the world, and in most places this is the case. Rather than assume the water in District 28 schools is safe, we decided to test every source used for drinking and/or cooking.

United Analytical Services began testing our water sources for each building in May of 2016. Phase one was completed on May 7, while phase two was finished on July 2. In total, samples were taken from 78 water-dispensing units, with two units identified for retesting.

The May 7 samples showed a sink in the Greenbriar Library was 16.7 micrograms/liter (ug/L) for lead, slightly above 15 ug/L, which is the actionable level set by the Environmental Protection Agency. I verified with the Library-Media Center Director at the time that water taken from the sink was not used for cooking or drinking, rather it was a utility sink. It was removed over the summer.

The July 2 samples showed one drinking fountain at Westmoor, located in the hallway by room 130 with a lead level of 23 ug/L, above the 15 ug/L level. A filter was installed and the unit was retested on August 19, showing no detectable levels of lead.

The July 2 testing phase also revealed that a drinking fountain at Greenbriar, located in the hallway by room 310, showed a lead level of 11.2 ug/L, below the 15 ug/L level. We decided to place a filter on this unit, and it also was retested on August 19. The results showed no detectable levels of lead.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Hewitt, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools