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# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Highland Elementary School Parents

FROM: PJ Caposey, Superintendent

DATE: December 21, 2017

RE: HES Lead testing

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Illinois Public Act 99-922 requires all pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade schools built before January 1, 2000, to test the level of lead in the water from every outlet that could be used for drinking or food preparation. All sampling results must be submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health and provided to parents and legal guardians of enrolled students. In addition, if lead is found at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), the school district must individually notify parents in writing or electronically.

Following testing, the very good news is that no lead was detected at any drinking fountain area or food preparation area at Highland Elementary School at levels above 5 ppb. However, we have a problem with some classroom sinks as noted in the table below.

Any area with identified problems below will be addressed over the holiday break. In addition, the District will immediately enact strategies as recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Please note in the table below that when a first draw or flush sample is less than 5 ppb, notification is not required. For instance, if a draw sample is higher than 5ppb but the flush sample is less than 5ppb, the flush sample will not be on the notification. You will notice two samples listed for each location below, the first is the draw sample and the second is the flush sample. The results of all tested areas, including those under a 5 ppb reading are posted online under the tab District Informational Postings.

CLIENT_NAME	Collection Date/Time	Location description	Concentration
Highland School	12/2/2017 10:01	Room 3 Sink	27
Highland School	12/2/2017 10:01	Room 3 Sink	7.44
Highland School	12/2/2017 10:28	Room 17	5.14
Highland School	12/2/2017 10:29	Room 17	6.3
Highland School	12/2/2017 10:30	Room 16	7.34
Highland School	12/2/2017 10:30	Room 16	20.6
Highland School	12/2/2017 10:35	Room 21 Bathroom	6.68
Highland School	12/2/2017 10:36	Room 21 Bathroom	9.02



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For information about lead in drinking water, visit the USEPA website at: [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water) .

The Meridian CUSD 223 website will have a copy of this letter and the readings from all HES tested sites at the beginning of the second semester. The information will be listed under under District Informational Postings.

Please be assured that we will continue to take all action necessary to protect student health. Mitigation and water management are in progress. Water outlets are being shut off and we have begun to take the appropriate actions for each outlet testing above the laboratory limit.

Please contact me at 815.980.0310 or at [pcaposey@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:pcaposey@mail.meridian223.org) if you would like to discuss this issue in greater detail.

Thank you and make it a great day,

Dr. PJ Caposey

Superintendent of Schools, M223