

Germantown Hills School District #69

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Re: Germantown Hills School district 69 – Lead in Drinking Water Notification

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff Members,

The safety of students and staff is our top priority. The United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends schools take action to mitigate lead in water when detection levels test at 20 parts per billion (ppb). Under a new Illinois lead in water testing law (Public Act 99-922), the mitigation requirement set by the state is significantly more stringent, requiring parent notification when lead in water levels exceed 5 ppb and mitigation for any source exceeding 2 ppb. Our district contracted with PDC Laboratories to perform water testing last month to comply with the stricter testing standards contained in Public Act 99-22.

Samples were taken from all drinking fountains and sinks that are used for food or beverage preparation. A “first draw” sample was taken from each source after water had sat in the lines for at least eight hours. A second “flush” sample was taken after running water (flushing) at each source for 30 seconds. The following is notification for sample results that were found to contain lead levels exceeding 5 ppb.

SAMPLE ID	SAMPLE LOCATION DESCRIPTION	FIXTURE TYPE	SAMPLE TYPE	CONCENTRATION
7120327-29	right fountain outside MS office	drinking fountain	1st draw	8.29 ppb
7120327-29	right fountain outside MS office	drinking fountain	flush	6.69 ppb
7120327-39	kitchen sink near west wash zone	sink	1st draw	12.6 ppb

All sample results and a floor plan of the building containing room numbers are available on the District website.

Mitigation and water management are in progress. Please be assured that we will continue to take all action necessary to protect the health of students and staff members including the steps listed below.

1. Water fountains testing above 2 ppb have been shut off. In total, these include four (4) drinking fountains. Two are located outside the middle school office, and the other two are located in the 8th grade hallway. We are in the process of replacing these four fountains. An adequate number of drinking fountains remain in operation to serve the needs of students. Students may bring their own water bottles to school. The kitchen sinks testing above 2 ppb will also be adequately flushed each morning, and the fixtures will be replaced.
2. We are developing a water management plan that will assure water sources (drinking fountains and sinks) are flushed for a minimum of 30 seconds prior to the start of each school day and for a longer period of time following weekends and school breaks. Again, we invite students and staff to bring their own water bottles to school.

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Again, we would like to assure parents that the safety of students and staff is our top priority. The risk to an individual child from exposure to lead in drinking water depends on many factors, including the amount of lead in the water, the frequency, duration, and dose of the exposure(s), and individual susceptibility factors (e.g., age, weight, previous exposure history, nutrition, and health). In addition, the degree of harm depends on one's total exposure to lead from all sources in the environment - air, soil, dust, food and water. Parents/guardians who are concerned that their child is displaying symptoms consistent with elevated levels of lead should contact their healthcare provider.

For information about lead in drinking water, visit the USEPA website at: www.epa.gov/ground-water-anddrinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water. If you have any questions, please contact me at 383-2121 option 4.

Sincerely,

Daniel Mair, Superintendent
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