



## **First Phase – Elementary Schools: Lead testing completed prior to September 30, 2016**

In September 2016, a state law went into effect that requires all public school districts to test water for lead. The law requires school districts to sample all water outlets currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking purposes in buildings that may be occupied by students and to submit those samples to a state approved lab for analysis. Regulations call for testing to take place again in 2020 and every five years thereafter, unless the state Commissioner of Health requires testing sooner.

The state established an action level of 15 micrograms of lead per liter, typically referred to as “parts per billion” (ppb). If a sample from a water outlet exceeds this level, schools must take steps to prevent the use of the outlet for drinking or cooking purposes until it is remediated and follow-up testing confirms it is no longer above the action level. As fixtures (faucets, sinks, and water fountains) are identified we are removing them or placing “NOT FOR DRINKING” placards on the fixture until they can be removed and replaced. Follow-up testing will be conducted after fixture replacement.

School districts are required to report the results of all water testing to the state Department of Health, the state Education Department and the local health department, and to post the results, along with remediation plans, on the official district website. Please be aware that, although all samples were taken and submitted within the proper time frame, test results are returned to us in a random order. That means that we will be updating this list as sample results arrive. As of 10/31/16, 301 sample results from across the elementary schools have been returned and 38 show an elevated level of lead. The majority of these are sinks.

Please be aware that staff and student safety is our highest priority. We welcome the opportunity to make our facilities healthy and welcoming environments for all and will soon begin the process of creating another Capital Project for voter approval. The plumbing infrastructure will be included in the project. In the mean time, the District will continue to monitor and replace all sources of potable water as needed.

[Barry Elementary School Tests & Remediation](#)

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[Randall Elementary School Tests & Remediation](#)

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[Virgil Elementary School Tests & Remediation](#)

## **Second Phase – Junior/Senior High School: Lead testing completed prior to October 31, 2016.**

Results will be posted when received.