

Public Notification to Parents, Teachers, and Staff
Participation in School Drinking Water Quality Reimbursement Program

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
August 2, 2017

Wayne-Westland is committed to protecting the health of students, teachers, and staff. We are participating in the School Drinking Water Quality Reimbursement Program, which is a program jointly administered by the Michigan Department of Education and Department of Environmental Quality. This program is designed to provide school funding for the cost associated with the mitigation of potential lead exposure from drinking water. Up to \$950 per school building is available on a reimbursement basis for the cost of testing for lead in drinking water, fixture replacement, filter purchases, plumbing assessments, or technical assistance incurred between July 1, 2016, and September 30, 2017.

The School Drinking Water Quality Reimbursement Program requires that we submit proof of public notification of the number of fixtures providing water for drinking or food preparation, tasting results, number of fixtures replaced, and other corrective action plans prior to reimbursement. This information is as follows:

Number of fixtures providing water for drinking or food preparation: 1317

Number of fixtures replaced: 3

Number of filters purchased: 0

Other Actions taken: Flushed system and retested. If fixture was in location that was not being used it was removed and capped. Placed noticed of Hand Washing Only NO DRINKING placards.

Testing Results:

Number of Lead Testing Completed: 300

Number of Lead Tests with Over 5 parts per billion of Lead: 32

Based upon actions taken to date: The District has determined that additional corrective action is not necessary.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools have been proactive since 2002 with our own lead in the drinking water testing program conducted by a third party environmental consultant, following the recommended EPA guidelines. Every year we conduct a random check of all 23 facilities. Our primary goal from the outset is to ensure the safety of our students, staff and community.

About Lead:

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and it can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with low IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life.

How Can I Learn More:

You can see a copy of all water testing results at the Maintenance and Operations office, and on our website at (www.wwcsdnet). For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Tony Spisak at WWCS, 734-419-2162. For more information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or the Michigan DEQ (www.michigan.gov/drinkingwater).

This Public Notification is being distributed through the following means: Posting in Common Areas in the School building and Posting on Website.



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