



April 7, 2017

Dear District 66 Families,

I am writing to report the results of the Drinking Water Lead Analysis testing that we recently conducted on the water supply in each of our schools. While testing is required to be completed by December 31, 2017 under a new state law, we chose to conduct this testing now, rather than waiting until next school year to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

The newly enacted Illinois Plumbing Licensing Law (225 ILCS 320/35.5) requires all schools to test for lead in water used for drinking or cooking. This includes all potable water taps, faucets, drinking fountains, and handwashing sinks in classrooms occupied by PreK and Kindergarten students. For District 66, these tests included 11 locations at Ide School, 23 locations at Prairieview School, and 24 locations at Lakeview Jr. High.

Of the locations tested, we have shut off and are replacing a total of three faucets that had results in excess of the limits established by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Two of the faucets were at Ide School and one at Lakeview. The two sinks at Ide were located in the two Staff restrooms in the Copy Room (no student access), while the sink at Lakeview was located in a lesser-used work station in the Home Economics classroom. We also had another faucet in that room report slightly elevated results, so we have shut off that sink as well. There are a total of eight sinks in that classroom, so instruction will not be impacted.

Ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of our students is the most important responsibility we have as educators. The quality of water in our schools is an important issue and I assure you that we will continue to test and monitor the quality of water in each of our schools moving forward. If you would like to learn more about drinking water testing, please visit our website at <http://www.ccsd66.org/parents/health-news/water-treatment-for-lead/>. You may also contact my office at 630.783.5155 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools