

Dear Kings Families,

While great steps have been taken during the past two decades to reduce the levels of lead in water, lead may still get into water from older metal faucets, taps or pipes. To protect Illinois children from possible exposure to lead in drinking water, Governor Rauner and the General Assembly passed Public Act 99-0922 requiring schools and daycares to sample for contamination in water.

The act requires any school building built before January 1, 1987, to complete water testing by the end of 2017. Schools built between January 2, 1987 and January 1, 2000 must complete testing by the end of 2018. The Act requires parents and guardians of students be notified of lead results greater than or equal to five parts per billion (ppb).

We conducted this testing here at Kings and while some of the samples taken came back above the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) limits, we are in the process of fixing all issues. The district will be taking several steps to ensure the accuracy of the results and the safety of our students, staff and visitors.

All fixtures with indications of the presents of lead have been removed from service. Those water sources were limited to some classroom hand washing sinks and the kitchen dish rinse sink. These water sources will undergo corrective action and further testing. The two hallway drinking fountains and the kitchen sink were food is prepared showed no detections for the presents of lead in all samples collected.

If you would like more information on lead testing and safety, please visit:
<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/lead-in-water>

If you have any questions to this letter please contact me.

Sincerely,



Matt Lamb
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