



## SCHOOL SERVICE CENTER

### EAST AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Water testing for lead in schools and municipalities has made national and local headlines in the past couple years. In January 2017, a new state law was passed that requires all elementary schools and daycare centers to have all water sources used for drinking and cooking be tested for lead. The new law requires school districts to notify parents of any water source that tests at 5 parts per billion (ppb) or above.

The new law stipulates that water testing must be completed by the end of 2017 for all facilities built on or before January 1, 1987, and may be occupied by more than 10 children or students, pre-kindergarten through grade 5. For facilities built after January 1, 1987, testing must be completed by the end of 2018.

East Aurora School District 131 has hired Weaver Consultants Group to conduct water testing. While the law applies to schools with students up to fifth grade and facilities built before 1987, District 131 has elected to have testing done at all of our buildings, including schools, pre-kindergarten through high school.

Testing is scheduled to begin the first week of November, and should take about three weeks to complete. Water will be tested at all sources that provide water that may be ingested by children or used for food preparation, including drinking fountains, sinks used for food preparation, nurse offices, and all sinks in classrooms used by 10 or more students under grade 1.

Weaver Consultants Group will submit samples to an Illinois EPA-accredited laboratory for lead analysis. Should any water sample have a concentration of lead greater than 5 parts per billion (ppb), the District will mail letters to parents and legal guardians of all students attending the school, with fixtures noted with concentrations greater than 5 ppb. If samples are under 5 ppb, notification will be done through the school's website.

While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) sets what's called an "action level" for lead in water at 15 parts per billion (or ppb), the new Illinois law requires Districts to take action and notify families if levels of lead found in water are above 5ppb.

Once results are received, District 131 will review mitigation options, such as repairing or replacing problem fixtures, turning off problem outlets, adding filters, or other remedies as necessary to mitigate.

Should you have any questions, please contact your building principal or Mr. Albert Tijerina, Assistant Director of Buildings & Grounds department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark McDonald'.

Dr. Mark McDonald, Interim Superintendent