



SCHOOL SERVICE CENTER

EAST AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, 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 that 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.

District 131 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, our Board of Education elected to have testing done at all of our buildings, including schools, pre-kindergarten through high school.

Testing is now complete. Water samples taken from your child's school with a concentration of lead greater than 5 parts per billion (ppb), with fixtures noted with concentrations greater than 5 ppb, are listed on the accompanying page(s).

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. For more information about lead in drinking water, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

District 131 will **review and determine mitigation options, such as replacing, repairing, shutting off, or specifying water fixtures as "hand washing only"** for those reported to have lead levels higher than the new state-mandate.

Should you have any questions, please contact your building principal or Mr. Albert Tijerina, Director of Buildings & Grounds department, at (630) 299-8355.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Mark McDonald, Interim Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Megazzini'.

Mr. Steve Megazzini, Interim Superintendent

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