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Dear District 92 Families:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the results of water testing which has occurred at Walsh in compliance with the Lead in Drinking Water Bill. We have previously shared with you the results of testing which occurred at Reed, Ludwig and Oak Prairie. The law requires that every drinking fountain and each source of water used for cooking be tested. In addition, all classroom sink faucets must be tested for students below first grade.

On September 13, 2017, test samples were drawn at Walsh; this testing could not be done in the summer due to ongoing infrastructure work around the school. The results of this testing showed that there were two water sources which tested above the EPA action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb): a dishwashing sink in the kitchen which is not used for cooking and a handwashing sink in a classroom. Neither sink is a source of drinking water. While the drinking foundation adjacent to the classroom sink tested below 5 ppb, the district will be taking that fountain out of service and remediation plans will be completed along with appropriate testing before it is placed back in service. This is being done as a precaution. As an additional proactive step, remediation plans are in the works for any locations that tested above 5 ppb but less than the EPA action level of 20 ppb throughout the district. The district will be working with a water treatment specialist to provide additional guidance in developing these remediation plans.

The district is required to provide information on the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) website that families can access for guidance. That website is <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>. The test results for all schools and full reports from our independent consultant are located on our district website at <https://www.d92.org/index.php/district/business-office-top>.

The well-being of our students is always our top priority. We will continue to take steps to be proactive in addressing this issue as we do with anything that can impact our students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter M. Sullivan