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Dear District 92 families:

The Lead in Drinking Water Bill (Public Act 99-0922) was signed into law on January 17, 2017. The purpose of this law is to protect Illinois children from possible exposure to lead in drinking water by requiring schools and daycare centers to test water for lead content. All schools with students at or below fifth grade that were built before January 1, 2000 must be tested. Schools built before January 1, 1987 must complete this testing before December 31, 2017. 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.

As a result of this law, Walsh, Reed and Ludwig were required to be tested. Oak Prairie, by nature of the age of the building and the grade level of the students it houses, was exempt. However, the district felt it was in the best interest of students to test all four buildings.

On April 5, test samples were drawn at Reed, Ludwig and Oak Prairie. Walsh testing could not be completed due to ongoing infrastructure work around the school. Full testing will be completed at Walsh in the fall after that project is completed. However, one sample of incoming water at Walsh School was collected and tested in order to measure the impact of water line construction in the area.

Districtwide, one sample exceeded the EPA action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb). This sample came from a drinking fountain at Ludwig. That drinking fountain was replaced during the current school year before the water testing was completed. It has already been taken out of service and remediation plans for the internal plumbing at that location will be completed along with appropriate testing before it is placed back in service. As a proactive step, remediation plans are also in the works for other locations that tested above 5 ppb, but less than the EPA action level of 20 ppb.

The law requires that locations that have results over 5 parts per billion (ppb) must be communicated in writing or electronically to affected families. We are also required to provide information on the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) website that parents 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 report from our independent consultant is located on our district website at <https://www.d92.org/index.php/district/business-office-top>.

The safety and well-being of our students is always our top priority. We have taken 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