

EAST ALTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13

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SUPERINTENDENT

Testing of drinking water sources at Washington Early Childhood Center was performed on 10/05/2018. The Lead in Drinking Water Testing Bill (LDWTB) was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner effective January 17, 2017, and requires elementary school buildings constructed prior to January 1, 2000 serving 5th grade and below to test the following sources;


- Drinking fountains and drinking sources in buildings; and
- Classroom sinks in classrooms under 1st grade (kindergarten and pre-kindergarten)

Water testing followed the protocol recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the LDWTB. All water sources have two samples collected. The first collection at each source is a "first draw" sample. Water collection occurs in first draw samples after sources were unused for at least eight (8) hours. The second sample at that source is collected after 30 seconds of flushing. The two (2) samples are intended to help identify if any concentrations are originating from the fixture or the potable water piping leading to the fixture.

The LDWTB requires the district to provide notification to parents identifying each location with a detected concentration exceeding 5.0 ppb. No drinking water sources at Washington Early Childhood Center were found to have any concentrations of lead, however, the District elected to test sinks in the kitchen area (which is no longer used in food preparation), and four sinks indicated lead levels of greater than 5.0 ppb. Although these sinks are not utilized for drinking water or in food preparation at this time, the faucets for these sinks have been replaced to ensure they are clear for potential future use.

A complete copy of the water testing report is available on the district website. If you should have questions regarding the water testing that was performed you can contact me at (618)433-2051 or ewarnecke@easd13.org. Additional information about lead in drinking water is also available on the Environmental Protection Agency's website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent