

11-1-2018

SUBJECT: Results of Drinking Water Testing for Lead Content

SITE: EAST BUILDING (Formerly Oak Grove East)

Dear Parents and Staff,

Oak Grove School District #68 has performed comprehensive sampling for Lead in our potable water sources (PWS) within the district potentially utilized for drinking and/or cooking in accordance with the new Senate Bill 550 recently passed in Illinois. The sampling was completed in accordance with the Senate Bill 550 requirements and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) document titled "*Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Child Care Facilities*" last updated November 9, 2015. Oak Grove School District #68 hired the specialty firm, Environmental Consultants, LLC (EC), to perform the lead testing. Sampling was performed by trained and licensed personnel in accordance with USEPA, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and State of Illinois Regulations and Guidelines.

The USEPA action level for lead in drinking water is 15.0 parts per billion (ppb) for PWS. The USEPA document titled "*Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Child Care Facilities*" last updated November 9, 2015 identifies an action level for drinking water collected from a plumbing fixture as 20.0 ppb. The USEPA recommends plumbing fixtures be removed from service when water sample results exceed 20.0 ppb. In addition, Senate Bill 0550 directs districts is to inform parents and staff of any water sources testing above 5 ppb.

Results from the district are as follows:

Oak Grove School

25 potable water sources

25 water samples collected

2 results greater than 20 ppb

0 results greater than 15 ppb but less than 20 ppb

1 result greater than 5 ppb

Two water sources, the sink in Room 109 and the second floor drinking fountain, were identified above the notification level of 20 ppb. The district has taken the drinking fountain out of service and the sink in room 109 has been marked for handwashing only, not for potable purposes. One potable source was found to be above the 5 ppb level at the dishwashing sink in the kitchen. Instructions have been placed at the sink to run the water for 30 seconds before potable use.

A complete copy of all test results can be viewed on the district's website at www.og68.org.

The district understands the importance of this testing related to the safety of all building occupants. The district is fully committed to ensure the safety of the building occupants and it is our highest priority in all situations. More information about lead drinking water can be obtained from the United States Environmental Protection Agency website at www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-schools-and-childcare-facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loren C. Baele". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "L".

Dr. Loren Baele
Oak Grove School District #68
Superintendent