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SCHOOL DISTRICT #228

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Dear Parents and Staff

The Geneseo Community Unity School District is persistent in ensuring a safe and caring learning environment for our students. An important part of ensuring a healthy learning environment is to make sure our water sources are clean and safe for consumption.

Public Act 099-0922 was passed into law in January, 2017. The Act requires all public and private schools occupied by students in preschool through fifth grade to test for lead in water sources used for drinking and cooking. All pre-k-5th grade school buildings built before January 1, 1987 were required to be tested before the end of 2017. In our District, all three elementary buildings meet this criteria and have had water sources tested. Although the High School and Middle School did not have to be tested under Public Act 099-0922, the District chose to go above and beyond the State mandate and test the water sources in both of these buildings as well.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set an "action level" for lead in water at 15 parts per billion (ppb). Illinois law follows more stringent guidelines, and thus requires districts to notify parents if lead in water is at or above 5 (ppb).

The chart found in the attached **Appendix A** lists the specific locations that tested above the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and EPA guidelines. The District is quickly remediating all of the items that tested above the IDPH thresholds of 5 (ppb) by flushing pipes, replacing fixtures, and in some instances taking fixtures out of service. Once the work is complete, water samples will be drawn to re-test at those fixture locations to ensure they meet guidelines for appropriate lead levels.

The risk to an individual child from exposure to lead in drinking water depends on many factors, including the amount of lead in the water, the frequency, duration, and dose of the exposure(s), and individual susceptibility factors (e.g., age, weight, previous exposure history, nutrition, and health). Parents/guardians who are concerned that their child is displaying symptoms consistent with elevated levels of lead should contact their healthcare provider.

I want to emphasize the Geneseo Community Unit School District is striving to ensure all buildings are in compliance with Public Act 099-0922, and that all buildings have clean safe drinking water. If you have any questions please contact us at 309-945-0450.

Sincerely

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Chief School Business Official



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Appendix A Testing Results for Remediation

School	Location	Fixture Type	Concentration
Millikin	Room 1	Sink	6.13 ppb
Millikin	Room 5	Sink	5.09 ppb
Millikin	Commons by Office	Water Cooler	8.94 ppb
Millikin	Corridor Art Room	Water Cooler	7.86 ppb
Millikin	Corridor Art Room	Water Cooler	6.25 ppb
Millikin	Corridor Teachers' Lounge	Water Cooler	5.58 ppb
Millikin	Cafeteria	Water Cooler	9.16 ppb
Millikin	Kitchen	Kitchen Sink	23.4 ppb
Millikin	Kitchen	Other	63.7 ppb
Southwest	Room 14	Sink	5.69 ppb
Southwest	Pod B Commons-Left	Sink	9.47 ppb
Southwest	Pod B Commons-Right	Sink	18 ppb
Southwest	Pod D Commons-Left	Sink	8.22 ppb
Southwest	Pod D Commons Right	Sink	8.20 ppb
Southwest	Kitchen	Sink	6.38 ppb
Northside	Office Corridor	Water Cooler	8.97 ppb
Northside	Room 2	Sink	9.98 ppb
Middle School	Kitchen	Sink	6.63 ppb
High School	Kitchen	Sink	6.90 ppb

For more information about lead in drinking water, visit the USEPA website at:
www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water