



## **Bloomington Public Schools District 87**

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Dear Bent Parent/Guardian,

The safety and health of our students and staff is our highest priority. To protect public health, the state of Illinois now requires all Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade schools built before January 1, 2000 to test the level of lead in water from every outlet used, or that could be used for drinking or cooking. If lead is found at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), the school must take action to reduce the level to 0 ppb and must report the locations to the Illinois Department of Public Health and parents. This level set by the state is significantly lower than the Federal Government safe water drinking threshold of 15 ppb.

District 87 utilized the services of Ideal Environmental Engineering to take water samples at its schools using the state protocol and Prairie Analytical Systems, an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency accredited lab, to test these sources. Water outlets that tested above the 5 ppb state threshold are listed on the bottom of this letter. Please be assured that these water outlets have been shut off and we have already begun to take appropriate remedial action to reduce the lead level to 0 ppb.

The risk to an individual child from exposure to lead in drinking water depends on many factors, including a child's age, weight, amount of water consumed, and the amount of lead in the water. Further, children may also be exposed to other significant sources of lead including paint, soil, and dust in their home or neighborhood. Parents/guardians who are concerned their child suffers from elevated levels of lead should contact their health care provider.

Further information about lead in drinking water can be found on the United States Environmental Protection Agency website: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

If you have any questions, please contact the District 87 office at 309-827-6031.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barry M. Reilly  
Superintendent of Schools

**Location:**

Cafeteria  
Nurse Office

**Source:**

Kitchen Pot Filler  
Sink

**Remedial Action:**

Source Shut Down and Replace Fixtures  
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