

September 2, 2016

Dear Federal Way Public Schools Parents and Families:

Health and safety is Federal Way Public School's top priority. Every day, we strive to maintain a safe and productive learning environment for our staff and student-scholars.

In a continued effort to communicate with transparency to our school community, we are carrying out our commitment to share with you an update of the district-wide water testing completed over the past few months including results and action steps. We know that with aging buildings comes the need for replacement and/or upgrade of drinking water fixtures and plumbing.

Two regulatory agencies govern the K-12 water testing processes. These two agencies are the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Health.

To design a research-based, EPA approved water testing schedule, the district followed instructions provided in an EPA guidance document specifically designed for schools (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/toolkit_leadschools_guide_3ts_leadschools.pdf.) We created a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS), identifying and testing drinking water outlets most likely to have high usage.

During the summer of 2016, we followed the regulatory agency rules by testing a prescribed number of cold water faucets and drinking fountains: 50% at elementary and 25% at secondary and support buildings. We selected an approved water testing company and an accredited laboratory as part of our water testing regimen, testing for copper and lead. There were no actionable levels for copper; however, we found actionable levels for lead. As outlined in this letter, the District has taken immediate action to remediate and/or replace fixtures where needed.

The EPA actionable levels for lead are 20 parts per billion (ppb). The district chose to do levels of remediation of 15 parts per billion (ppb) for lead, 5 points more stringent than the EPA standard. Our results indicated: sites with no actionable levels; actionable levels found and remediated with daily flushing; and sites where actionable levels were unable to be resolved with flushing resulting in the replacement of fixtures, another round of testing, and a supply of bottled water until desired results are achieved.

Please know our students' and staff's safety is of utmost importance. We will continue to follow Washington State Department of Health guidelines and take progressive action to protect our students and staff when actionable levels of lead are found.

Please see the provided table with the results and actions taken for each of our sites. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Sally D. McLean at smclean@fwps.org or by calling (253) 945-2043.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tammy Campbell, Superintendent



Table 1: Water Testing Results as of September 1, 2016

Results	Elementary	Middle	High/Alternate Sites	Other Sites
Sites with no actionable levels	Camelot Enterprise Green Gables Lake Dolloff Lakeland Mark Twain Meredith Hill Mirror Lake Panther Lake Rainier View Sherwood Forest Sunnycrest Valhalla	FWPA Kilo Lakota Saghalie Sequoyah TAFAs Totem	Decatur Todd Beamer Truman Norman Center	ESC Nutrition Support Service Center
Actionable levels found and remediated (with daily flushing)	Adelaide Silver Lake Star Lake Twin Lakes Woodmont K-8	Sacajawea		Memorial Field
Actionable levels found and remediated with flushing and/or fixture replacement	Lake Grove Wildwood	Illahee	Federal Way Thomas Jefferson	
Actionable levels unable to remediate with flushing; fixtures are in process of being replaced. Bottled water will be provided until desired results are achieved.	Brigadoon Nautilus K-8 Olympic View			