

Hancock Place Central Office

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Dear Hancock Place School District Families & Staff,

The Hancock Place School District is committed to the safety and well-being of our students and staff. In alignment with that commitment and in compliance with the new Missouri state law, "Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water", we had a professional environmental consulting firm initiate and complete testing of our water. Specifically, each possible water source in our schools and buildings was sampled and tested to determine if the lead concentrations in the water was above the required action level of five parts per billion (5 ppb), which is equal to 5 micrograms per liter. The 5 ppb level required by the state is below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) recommended action level of 15 ppb.

While the law specifies that all preschool through 12th grade schools that receive state funding have until August 1, 2024, to complete testing at all drinking water outlets and food preparation outlets, we acted promptly, in accordance with our commitment to protecting our community, and tested each outlet to ensure we could immediately initiate remedial measures as needed.

During the summer of 2023, each of our school buildings had water outlets for possible drinking and food preparation water tested, including ice machines. In addition, the District decided to proactively test the water from all sources within the district buildings (potable and non-potable) to determine if there were issues in any of the water sources within the District.

By definition, potable water is suitable for drinking and non-potable water is not suitable for drinking, but is used for other purposes.

The results of these tests are summarized below:

- At the Early Childhood & Administrative Center, 0 of 23 outlets had concentrations above the established state level of 5 ppb.
- At the Elementary School, 0 of 110 outlets had concentrations above the established state level of 5 ppb.
- At the Middle & High School, 2 of 61 outlets had concentration above the established state level of 5 ppb. Each of the 2 were non-potable (kitchen sprayer and room sink).

Since two water sources testing above the 5 ppb were non-potable, the District has placed signage at these water sources to ensure they are not utilized for drinking or cooking.

Please know the safety and health of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will work diligently to rectify every source that is out of compliance. In the meantime, all students and staff will continue to have access to a variety of water outlets that have met compliance throughout the school.

Sincerely,



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