



West Linn – Wilsonville Schools

May 20, 2024

Dear Athey Creek Middle School Parents, Teachers, Staff and all Building Occupants:

As part of the Oregon Health Authority's Healthy and Safe Schools Plan, all Oregon schools are required to test for elevated levels of lead in drinking or food preparation water. To ensure all West Linn-Wilsonville schools are safe and healthy, and to meet OHA mandates, the District took water samples from all required fixtures at Athey Creek Middle School on April 25, 2024. The samples were immediately taken to a certified lab for testing. Results were received from the lab on May 15, 2024.

Results:

Of the 201 water samples taken at Athey Creek Middle School, none exceeded the 15.0 parts per billion (ppb) action level established by the Environmental Protection Agency and OHA. Attached is the testing log sheet for Athey Creek Middle School. Below is a glossary of terms used to help understand the test results.

GLOSSARY:

Lead — A chemical element with the symbol Pb. It is a heavy metal that can build up in one's body over time and can contribute to negative health consequences, such as developmental delays and learning difficulties. Lead is also recognized by the EPA as a probable human carcinogen.

Fixture ID # — Every fixture in the school district has a unique identification number, per the state guidelines set July 2021.

PPB — Parts per billion. Represents the concentration of lead in water. One ppb represents one microgram of lead per liter of water.

For any questions regarding lead in water testing or results in our district, please contact Jeremy Nichols, designated Lead in Water Testing Coordinator, at (503) 673-7981. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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