



West Linn – Wilsonville Schools

May 16, 2023

Dear Stafford Primary 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 Stafford Primary School on April 26, 2023. The samples were immediately taken to a certified lab for testing. Results were received from the lab on May 4, 2023 and confirmed on May 5, 2023.

Results:

Of the 86 water samples taken at Stafford Primary School, two exceeded the 15.0 parts per billion (ppb) action level established by the Environmental Protection Agency and OHA. The EPA and OHA lowered the action threshold from 20 ppb to 15 ppb in 2021.

Steps Taken:

The two fixtures that came in above the EPA action threshold consisted of one outside courtyard spigot and one classroom fixture. Upon receiving the initial results, both fixtures were immediately taken out of service. The classroom fixture was replaced and re-tested on May 16, 2023, and the result was received from the lab on May 16, 2023. The re-testing result revealed the lead level to be below the action level established by the EPA and OHA, and thus the fixture has since been put back into service. The courtyard spigot is currently still off and will be replaced in coming weeks. Once that fixture has been replaced, it will be re-tested before it is put back into service. Attached is the testing log sheet for Stafford Primary 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 or nicholsj@wlwv.k12.or.us. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
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