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News Release

Lead Levels in School Drinking Water Meet Federal Guidelines

Lawrence Public Schools announced today that recent tests of drinking water in the District's buildings indicate that lead levels meet federal guidelines. Although lead was detected above the recommended level at two drinking water outlets at the High School, those units were immediately decommissioned and are no longer used.

In making the announcement, School Superintendent Gary Schall stated, "We are pleased that the testing program revealed only two drinking water outlets with elevated levels: One was outside the wrestling room, an isolated part of the building, which is used infrequently, and the other was outside Room 320."

The District conducted the testing program to make sure that drinking water in the school system is safe for children and school staff. Water with high lead levels can contribute to negative health effects, especially in young children.

The testing was conducted in May 2016 by Enviroscience Consultants, Inc., a certified environmental consultant, following federal and state guidelines. Samples from various locations in each of the schools were sent to a state-certified laboratory for analysis. Final laboratory results were received by the School District this week.

Information about the lead testing program, including the lab results, can be found by contacting the Facilities Department, in writing, at the above address.