



January 10, 2017

Dear MPS Families,

At the beginning of this school year, we shared that Milwaukee Public Schools - in coordination with the City of Milwaukee Health Department - was taking the precautionary step of testing water in our buildings for lead. School districts are not required to test water for lead; we did so because the safety of our students is our top priority.

The results of MPS testing, which was conducted by independent, state-certified laboratories, is clear: More than nine in 10 (94%) of all MPS water fountains MEET the standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Any fixture that did not meet this standard was immediately turned off and will be replaced and tested before it is allowed back in service. We <u>also have the results on our website</u> so families and the public can easily check the findings. The City of Milwaukee commission studying water quality has praised our efforts.

We recognize this is an issue of concern and there have been numerous news reports about lead testing. Families can have confidence and trust in the results we have made available and of our commitment to the safety of our students and staff. News reports or commentary that suggest otherwise are inaccurate and unfounded.

We stand by the results of our testing and on the side of providing accurate information based on facts, guided by our commitment to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Keith P. Posley, Ed.D.

Chief School Administration Officer

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