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Dear MPS Families,

We are pleased to provide an update on the status of Milwaukee Public Schools' water testing efforts.

This summer MPS began a districtwide effort to conduct proactive testing of drinking water in our schools. Federal and state regulations do not require schools to test drinking water.

The sampling began in June 2016 and two independent, state-certified firms conducted the analysis. The results found that water coming from virtually all MPS drinking fountains meets Environmental Protection Agency's standards.

There are a few important facts to remember regarding the results of our testing:

- There are no lead service lines leading from the City of Milwaukee's water service into MPS school buildings.
- Nearly 12,000 samples were collected from 191 MPS schools and buildings. Our focus was drinking fountains.
- Ninety-four percent of all drinking fountains tested at levels below the EPA standard of 15ppb (parts per billion).
- There are over 3,000 water fountains in MPS; 183 had levels above EPA standards.
- Any fixture that tested above EPA standards was immediately turned off. The unit will be replaced and service will resume after the replacement fixture is tested.

The test results can be found on the district's website at mpsmke.com/testresults. With the exception of translating the documents into Spanish for Spanish-speaking families and grouping the results by school to make information easier to find, the results are posted as the district received them. Instructions on the website will assist users in finding the results from any building.

If you want additional information on childhood lead poisoning, please visit the City of Milwaukee Health Department's website at milwaukee.gov/health. Additional information can also be found at the EPA's website at epa.gov/lead or by calling the hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The safety of your child is our top priority. We are committed to ensuring we provide a safe environment for students, staff and families.

Thank you for your continued support of Milwaukee Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Keith Posley, Ed.D.
Chief of School Administration

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