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The safety, health and well-being of our students, staff and school community is our top priority.

Per the new Missouri “Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act,” a new law to ensure safe drinking water in all school districts throughout the state, the district hired a professional environmental consulting firm to conduct lead testing for all drinking, cooking and utensil cleaning water sources in our school buildings.

Our testing identified water sources in our district with lead concentration at or above the new five (5) parts per billion (ppb) (5 micrograms per liter) standard. The 5 ppb level now required by the state is below the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) recommended action level of 15 ppb.

The district is sharing the initial lab results of water testing so that our community is informed about the safety of our water systems. We had 9 water sources tested in which 1 came back above the required level. After receiving final lab results, the district took immediate steps to restrict access to the water source that exceeded the new requirements.

The failed item will be evaluated for the best remediation option. The district will retest the water source identified through this process to ensure successful remediation.

While we work diligently to remediate, please know that all students and staff have access to safe water sources in all of our buildings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joey Watkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joey" being more prominent.

Joey Watkins, Superintendent