

Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act – October 2023

Dear Grundy R-V Patrons:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the recent Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act. This act requires the testing and reporting of water sources for all schools in the state. Below you will find the water testing for the Grundy R-V District. The health and safety of all students and staff is very important to us. We want to inform you of the testing procedures and results of tests that were conducted in late August.

Procedure and initial test results: On August 22, 2023, the R-V District conducted water sampling of 45 test points in the Galt and Humphreys buildings. The testing points included samples from water fountains and bottle fill stations, sinks in both buildings, showers in the high school, and all water used for cooking or cleaning of dishes. Results were received last week from the testing company.

Overview and test results: According to legislation, school water samples cannot contain 5 parts per billion (ppb) or more of lead. If a sample does reach this level, remediation procedures must be implemented. These procedures can be elimination of the water source, filtration, or changing of water fixtures.

Below are the test results for the District:

Total Samples – 45

Samples with detectable lead but below the 5ppb limit – 23 (51%)

Samples with No detectable lead – 17 (38%)

Samples with lead above the 5ppb limit – 5 (11%)

Of the five samples that showed excessive lead levels, four were in the high school girls' locker room showers. One sample was in the wash sink of the kindergarten room at the elementary.

Immediate Action: To ensure the safety of students and staff we have implemented measures in accordance with EPA guidelines. The affected water source in the kindergarten room has been taken out of service. The four showers in the locker room have been clearly marked as “not potable water” and should not be used for drinking, washing dishes, or in food preparation. This is a temporary solution to allow for the district to have time to complete more permanent repairs.

Next Steps: We are committed to resolving these issues quickly. We will follow EPA and DHSS guidelines in conducting follow-up flush samples. Once we have received these test results we will prepare a completed remediation plan for the affected water sources.

The District is determined to maintain a safe environment for the students and staff. We will complete all remediation as soon as possible. We will keep you updated on the progress and any further actions necessary.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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