



## WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Dr. Mark Hoover**  
*Assistant Superintendent*

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Dear Parent, Guardians, and Staff:

As you may have seen, recent events in the news have highlighted water conditions in several cities across the country. Though it is not currently required by law in the state of Pennsylvania, West Mifflin Area School District performed a District-wide testing of its potable water during the 2017/2018 school year. PSI Environmental of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, performed the testing by taking samples from drinking water sources such as water bubblers, drinking fountains, and sinks that are typically used for water consumption. Other locations such as custodial closet sinks and bathroom sinks, not typically used as sources of drinking water were not tested.

Only at one location did the results of the testing reveal lead concentrations above the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency's recommended requirement of 15 ppb (part per billion). Overall there were 125 separate locations throughout the District that were tested. While there were three others sources that had elevated levels, it was determined that they were localized issues with the water fixtures themselves and not an issue pertaining to a building's water supply. These elevated levels can be a result of many factors, such as age of the fixture or lack of use.

The District took appropriate corrective action to isolate the affected locations by immediately taking them out of service, flushing the fixture's lines and/or changing the hardware all together. Three of the four locations have since been retested and the readings are now within the recommended range and have been put back in service while one of the sources has been taken out of service.

To view the sample results, please reference the link on our website ([www.wmasd.org](http://www.wmasd.org))

If you have any questions, please contact PSI, Inc. at 412-922-4000 x 383.

Sincerely,

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