

East Washington School Corporation



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Statement of Findings in Voluntary Testing for Lead in Water at East Washington

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Dear East Washington Families:

East Washington School Corporation recently participated in a voluntary State program to test our school’s drinking water for lead. This program was offered to all Indiana public schools, and it specifically tests water fixtures that provide drinking or cooking water to staff/students.

In our school system, 235 fixtures were tested. 99% of those fixtures did not present lead levels that exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s “Action Level,” of 15 parts per billion (ppb.)

However, 7 fixtures did present lead levels that exceed the EPA’s action level. The action level of 15 ppb is not a measure of health effects. It serves as a signal to the school to take steps to reduce lead in the water. Lead found in tap water typically comes from the corrosion of interior plumbing fixtures and materials that contain lead, not usually the municipal water supply. The issue is not system-wide, but specific to the fixture(s) identified and have been addressed in the required remediation plan.

There were **4** fixtures in the elementary, **1** at the middle school, and **2** at the high school.

We have taken all of the following actions to address the situation:

- *Water was shut off to these fixtures upon notification of the findings.
- *Signs were placed stating not to be used until further notice.
- *All fixtures have now been properly addressed per requirements of the testing.

If you would like a copy of the complete testing results or more information about the findings, please contact our office at 812-967-3926, Monday-Friday 8:00-3:30

Respectfully,

Greg Hopkins,
Assistant to the Superintendent