



# Hebron Public Schools



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## \*\*\* Water Testing Lead Exceedance Notice \*\*\*

November 7, 2016

Dear HES Parents:

This letter is to notify our Hebron Elementary School families that we are in receipt of an Administrative Order, dated November 7, 2016, regarding lead levels in our water system at Hebron Elementary School. In my conversation with the State, we are one of 26 public agencies being cited for lead levels that exceed EPA recommendations. The issues surrounding lead water contamination in Flint, Michigan have heightened concerns regarding lead water levels, and there are new regulations and timelines that must be followed to remediate the problem.

In terms of Hebron Elementary School, there were ten sampling points tested throughout the school. Room 2 and Room 9 showed levels that exceeded the EPA standard of .0150. The following lists the level of lead detected in our two problem areas:

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| Room 2 (STEAM Room):             | 0.020 |
| Room 9 (Special Education Room): | 0.017 |

As per the Administrative Order, there are timelines we (and our Water Operator – Hungerfords Water) must follow in addressing the concern. They are as follows:

- Immediately:** Notify all consumers of the related issue
- By November 10:** Complete and post the Public Education Requirement Template
- By November 18:** Comply with all reporting requirements
- By November 30:** Complete site plan for sampling and a materials evaluation of distribution system for review and approval by the State Department of Public Health
- By December 22:** Submit for review and approval a corrosion control treatment plan to the State Department of Public Health

Important to note, the lead exceedance noted in the two sampling points at Hebron Elementary School are a result of the lead solder used to fuse the copper pipes when the school was built. We have shut off the water in these two rooms to no longer allow for their use until a formal treatment plan is approved by the State Department of Public Health.

Hungerford's Water is already in the process of developing a mitigation plan that will address the issue. In addition to recharging the water distribution system filters, they are submitting a formal proposal that would increase the pH level in the water system to neutralize the lead levels. We will await the State's approval of this potential course of action.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 860.228.2260.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Van Tassel, Superintendent