



Hebron Public Schools



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***** Lead Water Issue Update *****

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Dear Parents and Staff:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide an update regarding the Hebron Elementary School lead water issue. At this point, Hebron Elementary School remains under an Administrative Agreement with the Department of Public Health regarding our lead water exceedance levels. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure that we continue our efforts to remediate the problem, as well as, provide proper public notice of the issue. Our most recent monthly notification was posted to our district website and in each of our schools on September 12, 2018.

To date, we have taken many steps to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Our efforts to address the lead water issue have been ongoing, and I would like to thank our certified water contractor, Hungerford's Water, and the Department of Public Health (DPH) for their guidance and direction as we attempt to remedy the problem. For anyone new to the Hebron Public Schools, since November 2016 we have remained under an Administrative Agreement with the DPH due to lead exceedance levels detected in our water distribution system at Hebron Elementary School. As we have learned, the cause of the high lead content is due to the lead solder that was used to fuse the pipes when the school was built. Here are a list of measure that we have taken since we were first made aware of the problem:

- Discontinued use of water for consumption
- Installation of Poland Springs water bubblers
- Installation of DPH approve zinc-orthophosphate treatment system
- Development of DPH approved flushing protocol
- Ongoing laboratory examinations of water samples
- Ongoing communications with our certified water contractor and the Department of Public Health

Important to note, we have also continued to provide public notice of the issue while we have remained under the regulatory authority of the Department of Public Health. Board Of Education updates, monthly public notices, and periodic updates from the district have, and will continue to be, provided for as long as the issue continues.

This past June, our lead water sampling results showed lead levels below the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) threshold. We are expecting the results of our most recent water tests within the next two weeks. If our water tests show lead levels below the EPA standard, it is highly likely the Department of Public Health will no longer expect our district to remain under our current Administrative Order. At that time, we will once again permit the use of our school water for consumption purposes. However, this is dependent on our ability to remediate the problem with the methods we are currently using.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Timothy M. Van Tassel, Superintendent