



# Hebron Public Schools



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

September 22, 2017

Dear Hebron Elementary School Parents and Staff:

This letter is to notify our Hebron Elementary School families and staff that we were notified this afternoon that our lead content levels in the water delivery system continue to exceed EPA thresholds. This information, which came from the Department of Public Health, requires that we notify everyone within 24 hours of their correspondence to the school district.

Since last November, we have remained under Administrative Order due to lead exceedance levels detected in multiple sites within Hebron Elementary School. 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. After receiving formal approval from the Department of Public Health, our water contractor installed a zinc-orthophosphate treatment system this past March. We anticipated that it would take approximately 12 months for the system to properly treat the water pipes; however, we were hopeful that it would take no more than six months. Unfortunately, our most recent tests revealed that lead exceedance levels still exist.

Until we receive two consecutive cycles of test results that show levels below the EPA thresholds, we will continue to remain under Administrative Order of the Department of Public Health. To ensure the safety of our students and staff, we will continue to utilize Poland Springs bubblers for water consumption purposes. Students and staff are still permitted to utilize our running water for handwashing.

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

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Van Tassel, Superintendent