



# Hebron Public Schools



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*Superintendent of Schools*

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Good afternoon Hebron families,

I'm very pleased to inform you that the Hebron Elementary School water has tested below the action levels for Lead. As notified in November of this past year, our potable water tests indicated levels of Lead that exceeded the action levels set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency. As a result, we were placed under Administrative Order by the Department of Public Health as we addressed the issue. The cause of the lead was due to deterioration of the lead solder used to fuse the copper piping at the time the school was built. The notification that our water has tested below the threshold level is welcome news, as we did not anticipate our remediation efforts would be fully effective until August/September.

Upon notification of the problem in November, we immediately notified the public and discontinued the use of water for consumption. Water coolers were promptly placed throughout the school for student and staff drinking. After filing a remediation plan and receiving approval from the Department Of Public Health, Hungerford's Water installed a zinc-orthophosphate system to address the problem. The system is designed to actively coat the walls of the copper piping throughout the school, thereby encapsulating the lead solder. Fortunately, the remediation method was effective and has proved to be a means of successfully addressing Lead contamination.

Please note the attached testing samples that were taken in June. We have one additional test that must be taken in September before we are removed from the Department of Public Health's monitoring efforts. Until we have a secondary sample with negative results, we will continue utilizing the water coolers for drinking water.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Van Tassel  
Superintendent of Schools