

# Peoria Heights Community Unit School District 325

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**SUBJECT: Results of Drinking Water Testing for Lead Content**

**SITES: Peoria Heights Grade School and High School**

Dear Parents and Staff,

Peoria Heights Community Unit School District No. 325 has performed comprehensive sampling for Lead in our potable water sources (PWS) within the district potentially utilized for drinking and/or cooking in accordance with the new Senate Bill 550 recently passed in Illinois. The sampling was completed in accordance with the Senate Bill 550 requirements and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) document titled "Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Child Care Facilities" last updated November 9, 2015. Peoria Heights Community Unit School District No. 325 hired the specialty firm, Environmental Consultants, LLC (EC), to perform the lead testing of numerous water sources at all Peoria Heights school facilities. Sampling was performed by trained and licensed personnel in accordance with USEPA, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and State of Illinois Regulations and Guidelines. The USEPA action level for lead in drinking water is 15.0 parts per billion (ppb) for PWS. The USEPA document titled "Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Child Care Facilities" last updated November 9, 2015 identifies an action level for drinking water collected from a plumbing fixture as 20.0 ppb. The USEPA recommends plumbing fixtures be removed from service when water sample results exceed 20.0 ppb. In addition, Senate Bill 0550 directs districts is to inform parents and staff of any water sources testing above 5 ppb.

Results from the PBL district are as follows:

**Peoria Heights Grade School**

38 potable water sources  
77 water samples collected  
0 results greater than 20 ppb  
0 results greater than 15 ppb  
3 results greater than 5 ppb

**Peoria Heights High School**

22 potable water sources  
24 water samples collected  
0 results greater than 20 ppb  
0 results greater than 15 ppb  
5 results greater than 5 ppb

**Please note that no water samples within the district were identified in excess of the Federal level of 15 ppb.**

Out of an abundance of caution, Peoria Heights Community Unit School District No. 325 has implemented interim measures to repair or replace any plumbing fixtures identified at results greater than 5 ppb. Furthermore, the district is preparing a Preventative Maintenance plan to manage the district's plumbing fixtures in to the future.

A complete copy of all test results can be viewed on the district's website at [www.phcusd325.net](http://www.phcusd325.net).

The district understands the importance of this sampling and results related to the building occupants' safety. The district is fully committed to ensure the safety of the building occupants is our highest priority in all situations. More information about lead drinking water can be obtained from the United States Environmental Protection Agency website at [www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-schools-and-childcare-facilities](http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-schools-and-childcare-facilities).

Sincerely,

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