



McLean Independent School District

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Subject: Lead in Drinking Water Test Results and Action Plan

Dear Parent, Guardian, Colleagues, or Partners,

We are writing to provide an update on our participation in Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program (LTSCC). This is a voluntary statewide program that offers free training and guidance on how to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water where children are cared for. Financial support is made possible by the TCEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

McLean ISD recently completed testing, collecting 22 samples from 11 water outlets. Lead was detected in some of the samples, and we are implementing short term, long-term, and permanent control measures.

Lead is a heavy metal, and some drinking water pipes, taps, solder, and other plumbing materials contain lead. For more information about the sources of lead and health effects of lead please visit the EPA's "Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water" web page at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>

A full list of results is available on TCEQ's LTSCC Program webpage at texasleadtesting.org. For more information about the LTSCC Program, you can visit the program webpage, email info@txleadtesting.org, or call the helpline at (737) 276-1987.

For outlet(s) testing at or above 15 parts per billion or ppb, a commonly recognized threshold for taking action, we have temporarily added a "Do Not Use" sign and blocked access as a short-term control measure. Examples of long term and permanent actions include removing an outlet from service, converting an outlet to a hand-wash only station, plumbing updates, and/or adding filters.

The table below shows a list of outlets where action will be taken, location, sample results, and our planned actions.

Outlet ID	Outlet Type	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Short-Term, Long-Term, and Permanent Action(s)
23974-7	Drinking Fountain	FCS Hallway	43.5 ppb	Short term: water is turned off; Permanent Action: Remove Water Fountain

Some routine maintenance practices to keep lead levels in drinking water low at schools, child care facilities, and at home include:



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- “Running” water by running the cold tap for a few minutes before drinking, especially after periods where the water hasn’t been used, such as first thing in the morning. Running decreases the time water is in contact with plumbing and plumbing fixtures that may contain lead.
- Use only cold water for drinking and food/beverage preparation. Hot water may increase the amount of lead transferred from the pipes or faucet. Boiling water does **not** remove lead.
- Discouraging drinking water from fixtures not intended for potable use (e.g. lab faucets, hoses, spigots, hand washing sinks).
- Using filters certified to remove lead by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) or the Water Quality Association (WQA).

Sincerely,

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