

Beecher Community Unit School District 200U

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Dear Beecher 200U Residents,

This letter is to update Beecher 200U residents regarding the two sinks/drinking fountains identified to be high in lead particles within the elementary building.

The testing requirements are as follows;

- Readings below 5 parts per billion (PPB) do not require any action.
- Readings above 5 ppb but below 20 ppb require notification to parents of children in the school but are still permitted to be used.
- Readings above 20 ppb require immediate discontinued use of the fixture/fountain.

When we received the results of the two sinks/drinking fountains that were identified as high in lead we immediately capped off those lines and rendered them inactive. Even though they were not actively used for drinking (hand washing only) we decided to shut them down.

Over the summer, our maintenance staff took one further step with those identified sinks containing higher amounts of lead by removing them completely.

Beecher Elementary School is not only in compliance with state regulations, all water lines currently in use have ND or Non Detectable levels of lead in the remaining operational water lines.

As previously stated we have also installed a filtered drinking fountain in the elementary school as well as the junior high and high school for students to fill up water bottles.

You can find information that is more useful at the USEPA website regarding lead in drinking water:
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

Thank you,

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