



SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon,

On December 13, 2022, the Delaware Department of Education announced it contracted with a private firm, Batta Environmental Associates, to conduct additional lead testing. This testing targets every water consumption point in every public school in the state. Testing across the state began the week of December 19, 2022 and will continue for the next three to six months.

As a part of this initiative, the Smyrna School District is collaborating with the Department of Education and Division of Public Health to conduct water testing to ensure the availability of safe drinking water in our schools. Our district, using guidance from the Department of Education and the Division of Public Health, has developed a standard operating procedure to address any water source with an elevated level of lead.

On February 27, 2023, we received the final test results for our district. Test results for Smyrna High School and Smyrna Elementary were evaluated and indicated that one location had an elevated level of lead.

- Smyrna High-
 - Location – Kitchen
 - Source – Faucet for the following:
 - Kettle
 - Mitigation response – Water source turned off, replacement of faucet scheduled, and an inline filter will be installed

This concludes our district-wide water testing. Once mitigation efforts have concluded, we will retest the impacted water sources to ensure that our efforts have achieved the required results. If further action is warranted, additional communication will be provided. For more information about our lead water testing, please visit our “Drinking Water Updates” webpage under the “Family Resources” tab on our district’s homepage.

It is important to note the concerns are related to issues that occur within a school’s plumbing system and not the water supply from municipal sources. The water supplied by our municipal suppliers undergoes rigorous testing daily to ensure public safety.

Sincerely,

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