



Our mission is to develop children who are confident and creative learners. We provide a rigorous curriculum and a supportive school environment that promotes high achievement, encourages personal growth, and meets the unique needs of each child.

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WATER TESTING RESULTS FROM MAY 2018

As of January 16, 2017, the State of Illinois passed Public Act 099-092 which requires all public and private schools occupied by more than ten students in grades preschool through fifth grade to test all sources of potable water for lead. All school buildings constructed before 1987 were required to be tested in 2017, and buildings built between 1987 and 2000 were to be tested in 2018.

Skokie School District 68 is diligent about ensuring our facilities are safe and healthy for our students. Part of ensuring a healthy learning environment is making sure our water sources are clean and safe for consumption. The District tested the water at four of our facilities on May 26, 2018, and previously on May 3, 2016, even though testing was not required, at Old Orchard Junior High School.

"In accordance with the Act, notification requirements are based on the results schools receive from the laboratory. If all sample results are less than 5 ppb, schools may use their website (at minimum) to indirectly notify parents of the results."

I am happy to inform you that none of our samples detected lead levels exceeding 5 parts per billion (ppb). Since none of our locations had lead levels higher than Illinois Department of Public Health's (IDPH) guideline recommendations of 5 ppd there is no action required other than notifying parents and staff indirectly using our website.

It is important to note that the IDPH threshold of 5 ppb is lower than the EPA's threshold of 20 ppb for schools. In the event Skokie School District comes across lead levels exceeding 5 ppb we would quickly remediate the situation through the flushing of pipes and replacement of fixtures, where needed. Once the work is complete, we would re-test locations to ensure they meet IDPH guidelines for appropriate lead levels.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Director of Operations, Ernie Nelson. More information about lead in drinking water can be found on the EPA website at:

<http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/lead-in-water>

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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