



NORTH PEKIN – MARQUETTE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT #102

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Dear District 102 Parents/Guardians,

Illinois Public Act 099-0 922 requires all Pre-K through 5th grade schools built before January 1, 2000 to test the level of lead in the water from every outlet that could be used for drinking or food preparation. Each water outlet must be sampled twice. An IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) accredited laboratory must be utilized for the analysis. After a school receives its results, any sample exceeding 5 ppb (parts per billion) or 5 ug/l (micrograms per liter) of lead requires the district to notify parents and create a mitigation plan. All results must be submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health. (Please note that the level set by the State is significantly lower than the Federal Government threshold of 15 ppb or ug/l for public water systems and 20 ppb or ug/l recommended by the EPA for school outlets.). Testing must occur prior to December 31, 2017.

On October 25, District 102 collected samples on a total of 7 water outlets at Rogers School. On October 26, District 102 collected samples on 8 water outlets at Marquette School. The two samples from each location were then submitted to PDC Laboratories in Peoria for analysis on October 30. The results were returned to District 102 on November 14. Those results showed that all of the 15 outlets tested at Rogers and Marquette Schools had lead levels well below the maximum allowable level of 5 ug/l. In short, all of the District 102 faucets tested at an acceptable level and no mitigation plan is required.

As required by law, a notification to parents will be posted on the district website. The test results will also be emailed to Illinois Department of Health (IDPH). Full reports for both Marquette and Rogers Schools from PDC Laboratories are attached to this letter.

Additional information about lead in drinking water can be found on the USEPA website:
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

Sincerely,

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