

Minnesota Safe Water Update

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St. Cloud Area
School District 

Safe Water History

- 2018 testing became required every five years.
- All schools and sites serving pre-k through 12th grade must be tested.
- Last tests completed in 2023
- Testing then continues every five years.

Reporting

- Notification of annual notices sent to all families.
- Information of annual notice available to families
 - Annual notices can be found on the district website. [LINK HERE](#)

Testing Results

- In 2023-24, all our water sources (772) were tested.
- According to the Department of Health, traces of lead in water at a level of 20ppb or higher is considered above limits.
- Out of 772 faucets that were tested, 19 were found to have levels of lead that were above 20ppb.
 - This prompted a retest, as is standard practice.

Testing Results

- All results for all 772 water sources linked on district webpage.
 - [Test results](#)

Mitigation

- Water was flushed through the system in those faucets.
- On the second round of testing, out of the 19 original faucets out of range, five were still found to contain levels that were out of range, and one sink was not functioning properly.

Mitigation

- Four of the five faucets have been capped, meaning water has been disabled from those faucets.
- One has been replaced.
- The sink that was not functioning properly was replaced.

Legislative Changes Since Testing

- 2024 Legislative Changes
 - Lowered action limit. Instead of it previously being the EPA threshold of 20ppb it is now lowered to 5ppb.
 - Buildings and Grounds has a plan to not wait until 2028. We will begin mitigation on all water sources that tested in 2023 between 5ppb & 20ppb to be ready for testing in 2028.
 - Now includes verbiage about mandatory action responses.
 - (We do this currently)
 - Requirements for notifying the community and MDH.
 - (We do this currently)

**ppb = Parts Per Billion

Thank you!

Questions?

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