



Livonia Public Schools

District Services

Date: September 15, 2025

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: William Green, Assistant Superintendent of Operation and District Services

Re: Filter First Installation

I would like the opportunity to present updates on the Filter First Program to the Board of Education at the upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 15, 2025.

Background and Next Steps

The Clean Drinking Water Access Act, 2023 PA 154, and amendments to the Child Care Organizations Act, 1973 PA 116, collectively also known as Filter First, were signed into law by Governor Gretchen Whitmer with an effective date of October 24, 2023. These laws require schools and childcare centers in Michigan to develop a Drinking Water Management Plan (DWMP), install lead reducing filters on all consumptive fixtures, and test filtered water by June of 2026.

Members of our Operation teams, including myself, have attended in-services by EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) to educate ourselves on the various requirements of law. In addition, our finance team and operations team are partnering to ensure we are exhausting all grant reimbursable funds through this program.

Over the past year, LPS has been installing filters on drinking fountains inside K-2 classrooms and Hydration Stations are being installed in all school buildings at a ratio of one Hydration Station per 100 students. As part of the drinking water management plan, we maintain record of our work. As part of this project, we are capping all drinking fountains in classrooms after grade 2 in our school district. Those students above grade 2 will use the Hydration Stations. Filters are also being installed in all kitchen prep sinks. The filters LPS has and continues to install in our sinks & fountains filter out lead, copper, and *PFAS.

We are on track to have all required filters and Hydration Stations installed in each of our PreK-12 and Post Secondary buildings by June 2026. That includes the signage for all non-consumable faucets.

The Maintenance Department continues working closely with Harry Lau's office to facilitate the work required for the Filter First - Healthy Hydration program. We've been resourcing vendors Long Plumbing, Lanzon Electric, Mark Gregaro and Progressive Plumbing Supply, for plumbing, electrical, and concrete work, as well as utilizing our own LPS Maintenance staff.

The [Filter First](#) website through the State of Michigan includes videos, FAQs and other information on our responsibilities as a school district to ensure we meet the requirements of the law including testing and signage requirements once work has been completed.

This item is for information and not required for voting at a future Board of Education meeting.

PFAS stands for **Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances—a massive group of synthetic chemicals often nicknamed “**forever chemicals**” because they don’t break down easily in the environment.*

Thank you.

Reference

Attachment

c: Board of Education

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