

RIVERVIEW GARDENS

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Greetings RGSD parents and staff,

This letter is being sent to inform you of the recent passage of Missouri State Law RSMo 169.077, Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act, and its requirements for school districts.

The Missouri State Law RSMo160.077: “Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act,” has established a set of standards for lead concentration in school drinking water outlets. This applies to outlets used, or to potentially be used, for drinking, food preparation, cooking, and/or cleaning utensils. The deadline under the law for school testing and remediation is August 2024. Riverview Gardens School District will begin testing the week of February 5, 2024.

Under the law, within 7 days of receiving the results, parents and staff must be notified directly (via the email address on file). Results must also be posted on the District website and reported to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) currently has a lead drinking water standard limit of 15 micrograms per liter (ug/L) of lead in water. However, Missouri law requires that all Missouri schools achieve a 5 ug/L limit of lead in water.

Please know the safety and health of our students and staff is our highest priority. We will work diligently to rectify any source found to be out of compliance. If you have any questions about the lead sample testing and results, or if you have concerns, please email Mr. Karl Scheidt, Executive Director of Facilities and Food Service at karl.scheidt@rgsd.k12.mo.us.

Sincerely,



Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Ed.D.
Superintendent

MISSION

Collaboratively educate and empower our scholars to thrive in challenging environments

VISION

RGSD will be a district where:

- *There are high expectations for all.*
- *There will be healthy, loving, empathetic and kind relationships.*
- *Students are at the center of our decisions.*
- *Supports are provided so students become grade-level ready.*
- *There is transparency, accountability, timely, clear communication, and high levels of customer service.*
- *All stakeholders have a voice.*
- *There is a focus on college and career readiness.*

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