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Dear APS Families,

The Missouri Legislature passed the Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act in the spring of 2022. Provisions of the Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act dictate that during the 2024-25 school year, all schools must provide drinking water with a lead concentration level below five (5) parts per billion (ppb). On or before January 2024, schools were required to identify all outlets for drinking water or cooking purposes and develop a plan for testing those water sources. Before students return to school in August of 2024, all testing must be completed, and a remediation plan must be developed and shared with the public.

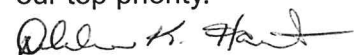
We collected our samples on December 9, 2023 and mailed them to Teklab, Inc. We received results of lead testing that was conducted on water fixtures throughout the school today, and would like to share them with you. The company handling our lead testing was OCCU-TEC, North Kansas City, MO.

Out of our self-sample testing of 39 sources throughout the school, sent to Teklab, Inc. of Collinsville, IL, only 3 sources contained lead concentrations at or above 5 parts per billion (ppb). **All of the positive results were in faucets in two restrooms. There were no safety issues with any of the school's water fountains or food preparation areas.** Details are listed below:

Girl's Primary Bathroom Right Sink - 12.7  
Boy's Primary Bathroom Right Sink - 8.5  
Boy's Primary Bathroom Left Sink - 11.7

OCCU-TEC recommends replacing the bathroom fixtures with the replacement of lead free fixtures. Signs will be posted in both restrooms informing students and staff that these faucets are safe for handwashing but not for drinking water purposes. These faucets will be replaced as soon as possible.

If you would like to learn more about lead, and how you can test at home, the U. S. The Environmental Protection Agency has excellent information at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) . If you have any questions about the district's results, please contact me at (573)824-5857, or by email at [aps48@altenburgps.edu](mailto:aps48@altenburgps.edu) . As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority.



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