

## Tanque Verde Unified School District #13

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Tanque Verde Unified School District is participating in a proactive statewide public school drinking water lead-screening program sponsored by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

ADEQ is funding this program in an effort to test 14,000 drinking water samples from 7,000 school buildings statewide. The purpose of this program is to ensure that our Arizona schoolchildren have access to safe drinking water facilities by testing water samples for lead content.

Tanque Verde Unified School District volunteered to participate in this important program, and water samples are being collected from our school sites this month.

As test results become available, ADEQ will notify TVUSD and the general public of the water sample screening outcomes.

ADEQ is coordinating this screening program with multiple state and local agencies, public water systems, public schools and other parties. While drinking water is not considered to be a common source of lead in Arizona, eliminating lead in drinking water is an important step to reducing your child's overall exposure to lead.

Along with all test results, ADEQ will also release specific recommendations to remedy water source contaminant issues. Tanque Verde USD will follow all recommended procedures.

Please visit the ADEQ website for detailed information about the statewide public school drinking water screening program for lead: <u>http://azdeq.gov/LeadScreeningProg</u>.

Results are also being posted on the ADEQ website at <a href="http://azdeq.gov/node/2194">http://azdeq.gov/node/2194</a> , and Tanque Verde USD will directly communicate results to families when they become available.

We look forward to sharing the results with you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Tanque Verde Unified School District