



# Hamilton R-II School District

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Dear Hamilton R-II Families and Staff,

The Hamilton R-II School District is committed to the safety and well-being of our students and staff. In alignment with that commitment and in compliance with the new Missouri state law, "Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act," we had a professional environmental consulting firm initiate and complete testing of our water. Specifically, each possible drinking and food preparation source in our schools and buildings was sampled and tested to determine if the lead concentration in the water was above the required action level of five parts per billion (5 ppb), which is equal to 5 micrograms per liter. The 5 ppb level required by the state is below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) recommended action level of 15 ppb. While the law specifies that all preschool through 12th grade schools that receive state funding have until August 1, 2024 to completed testing at all drinking water outlets and food preparation outlets, we acted promptly, in accordance with our commitment to protecting our community, and tested each outlet to ensure we could immediately initiate remedial measures as needed.

As you may recall, back in October 2023, we had water outlets in each of our buildings and across our grounds tested. At that time, two outlets in the elementary kitchen showed concentrations of lead above the established State of Missouri action level of 5 ppb: ● Kitchen Dish Sprayer (Lower) - 133 ppb ● Kitchen Sink (Right Dish Station) - 5.5 ppb. As a result, the district shut down those two sources and began recommended remediation of those two water sources. These sources along with some additional water sources across the district were retested and we are happy to report all water sources for food prep or drinking are within compliance. You can find the additional testing reports attached to this email. These reports will also be placed on the district website under the "For Community" tab.

Should you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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