

## **Malden Community Consolidated School District**

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This year, the General Assembly passed P.A. 099-0922 which mandates lead testing in school buildings that were constructed before 2000 and are occupied by pre-k through fifth grade students. The new legislation requires school districts to provide notice of the school building test results to parents if the results exceed 5.0 parts per billion (ppb).

The District retained TEST, Inc. to collect and test water samples for Malden Grade School on November 7, 2017. The District's consultant obtained samples from fourteen water sources at the school, and only four sources contained lead exceeding 5.0 ppb: sink in Rm. 200, sink in Rm. 212, sink in Rm. 213 and sink in Rm. 214 with highest of 8.74 (ppb).

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), action must be taken to minimize exposure to lead if lead concentrations exceed 15.0 ppb. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also states that most studies show that exposure to lead-contaminated water alone would not be likely to elevate blood levels in most adults, even exposure to water with a lead content close to the EPA action level of 15 ppb. However, risks vary depending on the individual, the circumstances, and the amount of water consumed. Additional information about lead in drinking water and measures to reduce the lead can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm>

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule>

A copy of the complete testing report and the District's testing results are available on the school website, [maldengradeschool.org](http://maldengradeschool.org). Although it appears that the sink are rarely used, due to this result, the District has discontinued use until faucets heads can be replaced and water is retested.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the District at (815)643-2436

Sincerely,

Michael Patterson  
Superintendent  
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