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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Illinois Public Act 99-922 requires all Pre-K through 5th grade schools built before January 1, 2000, to test the level of lead in the water from every outlet that could be used for drinking or food preparation. Testing must be completed before December 31, 2017. The written sampling results must be submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health and if lead is found at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), the school district must notify parents. Please note, this level set by the state is significantly lower than the Federal Government threshold of 15 ppb for public water systems and 20 ppb recommended by the US EPA for school outlets.

Farmers Environmental performed water sampling at **all required Harrisburg Unit # 3 Schools**. The water was tested to identify possible lead contamination for compliance with Public Act 099- 0922.

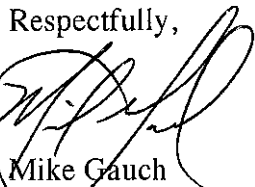
Results from all samples showed a total of 5 fixtures registering lead levels above the 5 ppb mark. Upon receiving this report, Harrisburg Unit # 3 district staff immediately initiated mitigation protocols in accordance with IDPH/EPA standards including daily flushing of lines, taking units out of service and/or replacing fixtures.

Our district website has the sample results found to contain lead levels exceeding 5 parts per billion (ppb). For more information about lead in drinking water, visit the USEPA website at: www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water.

Please be assured that we will continue to take all action necessary to protect student health.

Feel free to contact my office anytime with questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



Mike Gauch
Superintendent

Harrisburg Unit # 3 Schools