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Dear ARHS Community:

As reported earlier this month, District maintenance staff members have been making repairs on fixtures at schools that tested above the action level of 15 parts per billion of lead on initial water testing. We have received the retesting results for the 10 fixtures at ARHS that were repaired by replacing the fixtures and the supply lines with certified, lead free parts. The detailed results of the retesting (along with the initial testing) can be found [here](#).

After repairs, the levels of four of the 10 water outlets were below the action level on first draw testing. Four of the 10 outlets still tested above the action level on first draw testing, but tested below the action level after flushing. It is important to note that the water from these three outlets is safe to drink after using a flushing protocol. As before we received this latest information, there are no concerns about the safety of the water source itself given the results of the flush test. One of the outlets, the bubbler in the men's locker room upper level, tested above the action level after flushing and will remain turned off. Two fixtures that were rarely used, bubblers on the left and right sides of the training room, have been removed.

With the four outlets that came back below the action level on first draw testing, there are no additional steps required. The three outlets that tested below the action level after flushing (one kitchen faucet, two health room faucets) will require a flushing protocol to be implemented, as has been done in the other schools in the district this year.

We will also proceed as a priority with additional repairs on the three outlets that still require flushing and the outlet that tested above the action level after flushing. We will retest these water outlets after the additional repairs are completed and will keep you informed of the timeline and retesting results as we receive them.

Thank you for your patience as our maintenance staff continues to work to resolve this issue. Please let us know if you have concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael E. Morris
Interim Superintendent

Mark Jackson
Principal