



May 6, 2016

Dear Auburn School District Families:

Most families have seen reports of elevated lead levels in water, both locally and nationally. As a cautionary measure, the Auburn School District made it a priority to review our historical water testing records.

In reviewing our testing records, we discovered all schools had been tested in 2008 as part of our Facilities Master Plan planning process. In that testing, 10 schools had a total of 20 individual fixtures showing elevated lead levels. At this time, we cannot verify the steps taken to correct the problems at those locations.

We have taken a three-pronged approach to reviewing water testing in the ASD.

1. We are reviewing all previous test results to identify any problems not already resolved.
2. We are retesting any prior locations that showed elevated levels of lead.
3. Based on the results of the retesting, we will replace the components to fix the problem.

Of the 20 fixtures with elevated lead levels, nine of them have been mitigated. We are retesting all of the fixtures Monday, even those we have replaced. We will report the results when they are available.

These are the schools involved in the 2008 elevated tests:

School	Fixture	Status
Auburn Riverside	Sink	Located in science classroom, not drinking water.
West Auburn	Sink	Retest scheduled for Monday.*
Cascade	Sink	Located in science classroom, not drinking water.
Cascade	Sink	Retest scheduled for Monday.*
Cascade	Sink	Removed in 2015 renovation.
Cascade	Drinking fountain	Removed in 2015 renovation.
Cascade	Drinking fountain	Replaced fixture in 2014. Retest scheduled for Monday.*
Mt. Baker	Drinking fountain	Retest scheduled for Monday.*
Olympic	Two sinks	Retest scheduled for Monday.*
Dick Scobee	Sink	Replaced fixture in 2014. Retest scheduled for Monday.*
Gildo Rey	Sink	Removed in 2013 renovation.
Gildo Rey	Drinking fountain	Replaced fixture in 2014. Retest scheduled for Monday.*
Lake View	Sink	Removed in 2013 renovation.
Lake View	Drinking fountain	Retest scheduled for Monday.*
Terminal Park	Drinking fountain	Retest scheduled for Monday.*

** All of the fixtures scheduled for retesting have been shut off and will not be available for use until testing results are obtained.*



Building the new Auburn High School resolved the problem at that school.

Summary of actions:

- Water to the remaining 11 fixtures has been shut off and students do not have access to it.
- On Monday, we are retesting all remaining fixtures that were reported to have elevated lead levels, even those we have addressed. We will report the results when they are available.
- For questions about lead in drinking water, families can contact the King County Health department.
- Please visit the district website at www.auburn.wednet.edu for additional information.
- All schools' drinking water will be tested, beginning next month.

If you have questions, please contact Cindi Blansfield, 253-931-4930 or email communications@auburn.wednet.edu.

Please know our students and staff are our highest priority and we are taking all steps necessary to insure our drinking water meets standards. In the best interest of our students and staff, we will be testing drinking water quality at every school and facility in the district beginning next month. We will release the results when they are available.

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