

2018 Lead Testing for Student and Staff Drinking Water and Food Preparation

Jennings County School Corporation has completed water-sample testing of school building fixtures that may be a source of drinking water or for food preparation in our schools.

- Lead found in tap water typically comes from the corrosion of interior plumbing fixtures and materials that contain lead, not usually the municipal water supply. The issue is not system-wide, but specific to the fixture(s) identified and will be addressed by the remediation plan.
- These fixtures were tested for elevated lead levels as part of a voluntary State program offered to all Indiana public schools.
 - An elevated lead level is a reading that meets or exceeds the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "action level" of 15 parts per billion (ppb).
 - The action level of 15 ppb is not a measure of health effects. It serves as a signal to the school to take steps to reduce lead in the water.
- Most fixtures tested did not present lead levels that meet or exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's action level.
- Of those fixtures tested that did present lead levels that met or exceeded the EPA's action level of 15 ppb., we have taken the following actions:
 - Replaced drinking fountains and bubblers
 - Removed bubblers from sinks and units rarely used
 - Placed signs indicating that water is for "Hand washing only"
- All fixtures that were affected have been addressed and are now in line with state and federal recommendations.