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Dear Parents and Staff,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the TN Department of Education regulations, Houston County Schools tested water sources for lead in schools that were constructed before January 1, 1998.

In accordance with the TN Public Chapter 977, any test results that exceeded twenty parts per billion (20 ppb) has been immediately removed from service.

Results of our Testing

Samples consisted of the first two hundred fifty milliliters (250mL) drawn of water that had been standing in plumbing overnight to identify lead levels. Twenty-five (25) samples were labeled by school and location and sent to an independent third-party for processing. Of the twenty-five (25) samples collected from the district only two (2) tested >20 parts per billion (ppb). The table below identifies the water sources that tested above 20ppb and the action taken by the school district.

Sample Location	Draw Result-District Wide	Action Taken
*TRES	100% Compliance	N/A
*EES (1) Water Fountain 32.4 ppb	92% Compliance	Immediately took fixture out of service
*HCMS (1) Sink 22.9 ppb	90% Compliance	Immediately took fixture out of service
*HCHS	100% Compliance	N/A
* Draw Results from all school cafeterias were found to be 100% in compliance with non detectable levels.		

For more information, please contact the Houston County Board of Education at 931-289-4148.

Sincerely,

Kris McAskill