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Re: Lead in Drinking Water Testing Bill SB 0550

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the past few years, lead in water supplies has become a major topic across the nation. In response to this, on January 17, 2017, Governor Rauner signed into law: **SB 0550-The Lead in Drinking Water Testing Bill**.

The law requires that all school buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1987 have all drinking water and water used for food preparation tested by December 31st, 2017. Additionally, any building constructed between January 2, 1987 and January 1, 2000, is required to have all drinking water and water used for food preparation tested by December 31, 2018. Grand Ridge CCSD #95 has completed the water testing for all areas of the building. At this time none of our drinking fountains or food preparation areas were found to contain lead above the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) recommendation of 5 ppb (parts per billion). However, some areas where students wash hands were found to contain lead above that level. We believe the cause to be in the fixtures in classroom sinks and bathroom sinks. A full list of these locations will be included on our website at grgs95.org.

Since these areas are not for drinking purposes, we do not believe that they pose a significant risk to students; however, we are taking the precaution to label those areas in the building as unsafe for consumption, or for the younger students, "do not drink." The complete protocols, procedures, sources tested, documentation, and test results may be found on the Grand Ridge web site: grgs95.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office at **815-249-6225**. You may also visit the USEPA's website at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

Yours in Education,

Ted N. Sanders
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