



West Linn – Wilsonville Schools

March 20, 2025

Dear Boones Ferry Primary Parents, Teachers, Staff and all Building Occupants:

As part of the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Healthy and Safe Schools Plan (ORS 332.331), all Oregon schools are required to test for elevated levels of lead in drinking or food preparation water. To ensure all West Linn-Wilsonville schools and buildings are safe and healthy, and to meet OHA mandates, the District took water samples from all required fixtures at Boones Ferry Primary School on March 12, 2025. The samples were immediately taken to a certified lab for testing. Results were received from the lab on March 18, 2025.

Results:

Of the 110 water samples taken, one exceeded the 15.0 parts per billion (ppb) action level established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and OHA. The EPA and OHA lowered the action threshold from 20.0 ppb to 15.0 ppb in 2021.

The one water sample that exceeded the action level came from a drinking fountain fixture in room 603, a classroom that is not currently occupied by a class of students. Signage has been placed in the location for reference.

Next Steps:

The fixture that came in above the EPA action threshold was immediately taken out of service and will be replaced. Once the fixture is replaced, the maintenance department will re-test it. The test result will be made available within 10 days of receiving them. Attached is the testing log sheet for the Boones Ferry. Below is a glossary of terms used to help understand the test results.

GLOSSARY:

Lead — A chemical element with the symbol Pb. It is a heavy metal that can build up in one's body over time and can contribute to negative health consequences, such as developmental delays and learning difficulties. Lead is also recognized by the EPA as a probable human carcinogen.

Fixture ID # — Every fixture in the school district has a unique identification number, per the state guidelines set July 2021.

PPB — Parts per billion. Represents the concentration of lead in water. One ppb represents one microgram of lead per liter of water.

For any questions regarding lead in water testing or results in our district, please contact Jeremy Nichols, designated Lead in Water Testing Coordinator, at (503) 673-7981 or nicholsj@wlwv.k12.or.us. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
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