

West Linn – Wilsonville Schools

April 25, 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. 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. That fixture was immediately taken out of service and replaced.

The fixture that was replaced was retested on April 18, 2025, and the result of the test was made available to the District on April 25, 2025.

Results:

The fixture tested below the action level established by the EPA and OHA. Attached is the testing log sheet for Boones Ferry Primary School. Below is a glossary of terms 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, Jeremy Nichols Safety & Transportation Supervisor Department of Operations

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