



**South Central Community Unit
School District 401**

Kerry Herdes, Superintendent
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Schools:

South Central High School
South Central Middle School
South Central Elementary School

January 4th, 2018

Dear Parents and Staff:

Under Public Act 99—922, all public schools are required to complete testing of water faucets and water fountains in elementary school buildings that house students, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. As part of the new law, South Central Community Unit School District #401 must notify parents that this testing has been completed and notify parents of any faucets or fountains that score above five parts per billion (ppb) threshold. Should any fountain or faucet score above the five ppb, the School District is required to notify parents of its plans to address the issue.

South Central School District is diligent about ensuring our facilities are safe and healthy for students to learn. Part of ensuring a healthy learning environment is making sure our water sources are clean and safe for consumption. The District tested the water at South Central Elementary School. Testing results identified lead levels exceeding 5 parts per billion (ppb) in 2 of the 10 samples. South Central Unit District 401 is quickly remediating the situation through the replacement of fixtures. As the safety and security of our students and staff is our number one priority, though EPA guidelines require remediation for all fixtures with lead levels above 20 ppb, South Central 401 is remediating all fixtures yielding a lead level above 5 ppb. Once the work is complete, water samples will be drawn to re-test these locations to ensure they meet guidelines for appropriate lead levels. I want to emphasize that we have clean safe drinking water in your child's school. The areas of concern have been turned off as potential drinking sources for students until remediation is complete.

If you have any questions about the testing process or replacement of identified equipment, please contact the Unit #401 Unit Office at (618)-547-3414. You may also access information from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website at www.epa.gov about the hazards of lead of drinking water.

Sincerely,

Kerry Herdes
Superintendent of Schools