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Dear District 92 families:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on results of water testing which has occurred within the district. As we previously shared, the Lead in Drinking Water Bill (Public Act 99-0922) was signed into law on January 17, 2017. All schools with students at or below fifth grade that were built before January 1, 2000 must be tested. Schools built before January 1, 1987 must complete this testing before December 31, 2017. The law requires that every drinking fountain and each source of water used for cooking be tested. In addition, all classroom sink faucets must be tested for students below first grade. As a result of this law, Walsh, Reed and Ludwig were required to be tested. Oak Prairie, by nature of the age of the building and the grade level of the students it houses, was exempt; however, the district felt it was in the best interest of students to test all four buildings. The law also requires that all water sources which test above the EPA action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) be retested following the implementation of an action plan. District 92 took the extra step of remediating and retesting all water sources which previously tested in excess of 5 ppb in the April testing as an added precaution.

On September 13, 2017, test samples were drawn at Reed, Ludwig and Oak Prairie for all water sources which previously tested in excess of 5 parts per billion (ppb). In addition, initial testing at Walsh was completed; this testing could not be done in the summer due to ongoing infrastructure work around Walsh. The district has received results for retesting at Reed, Ludwig and Oak Prairie. We anticipate receiving the results for Walsh in the coming week and will share those with the community upon their receipt.

As you may recall, one sample exceeded the EPA action level of above 20 parts per billion (ppb) in the initial April testing. This sample came from a drinking fountain at Ludwig. Following the receipt of those results, the fountain was taken out of service and steps were taken to remediate the issue. We are pleased to share that the new testing for this fountain demonstrated a non-detectible level of lead. As a result, this fountain will be put back into service.

During the repeated testing, there were samples at Ludwig and Oak Prairie that again exceeded the 5 ppb threshold; the Lead in Drinking Water Bill requires that these results be communicated in writing or electronically to affected families. Beyond this notification, the district will be working with a water treatment specialist to provide additional guidance in developing remediation plans for all locations that continue to test above 5 ppb.

The district is required to provide information on the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) website that families can access for guidance. That website is <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>. The test results for the retesting at Reed, Ludwig and Oak Prairie from our independent consultant is located on our district website at <https://www.d92.org/index.php/district/business-office-top>.

The safety and well-being of our students is always our top priority. We will continue to take steps to be proactive in addressing this issue as we do with anything that can impact our students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter M. Sullivan