



# Perrydale

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Dear Perrydale Patrons,

Schools that receive water from a public water system, such as our district, are not required by state or federal regulations to conduct testing for lead in their drinking water. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires our public water system to provide water to our school that is minimally corrosive. However, some school districts in other locations have found that water samples from their drinking water fixtures have contained relatively high levels of lead. The lead was found to come from the plumbing inside the schools, including fittings, solder, water coolers or water faucets. Because of this information, Perrydale School District decided that testing would be in the best interests of the children, parents, faculty and other citizens served by our district.

This summer the Perrydale School District tested the water of all school buildings for lead contaminants. Eight first draw samples were taken from various sinks and drinking fountains from each building. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states in guidance documents that water outlets in a school that provide water for drinking or cooking meet a standard of 0.020 mg/liter (ppm) of lead or less. Of the eight samples drawn, one sample had a lead level above the EPA Limit of 0.020 ppm. That sink was located in the Elementary Classroom #6 where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students are in class. The sink had a lead level of 0.0227 ppm. At this time, this sink has been disconnected and will not be used until a second sample can be drawn and the results analyzed. It is the intention of the district to have a second sample drawn and have the results analyzed before school starts. If the results are not received prior to the start of school, the sink in Elementary Room #6 will remain disconnected until a safe water sample has been received or further remedies are implemented to ensure safe drinking water for the students. Students in Elementary Room #6 will be allowed to fill water bottles or get drinks from other fountains determined safe by prior testing.

All other samples taken were well below the EPA's recommended level of 0.020 ppm for lead. You can see a copy of all of our water testing results at the school district's office, which is open Monday to Thursday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm and on our Web site at <http://www.perrydale.k12.or.us/>

Sincerely,

Eric Milburn  
Superintendent/Principal