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Dear, Parents/Guardians,

I'm writing to provide you with an update regarding our school drinking water sources and to share the results of our most recent lead testing. As you may recall, we notified you in November to inform you of the passing of the Illinois Public Act 99-0922, effective January 17, 2017. The Act requires all Pre-K through 5th grade schools built before January 1, 2000 to test the level of lead in the water from every outlet that could be used for drinking or food preparation. Each water outlet must be sampled twice with 30 seconds between the first and second draw. Any sample exceeding 5ppb (parts per billion) of lead requires schools to notify parents and submit the results to the Illinois Department of Public Health. On Oct. 26th, 2017 to comply with the new regulations, we tested 10 water outlets. We were pleased to report that all of the faucets where students drink from tested below 5 ppb; however, two sinks in our kitchen area tested above the state requirement, but below the federal.

In order to address the results identified above, we established a water management plan and took the following steps:

- The sinks were shut off and not available for use, until they were retested and passed regulations.
- The screens on the faucets were cleaned and flushed. The new samples were sent to PDC Laboratories and retested.

We are pleased to report that our retest has indicated that the lead results have improved significantly and comply with state and federal guidelines. The new report is attached to this electronic notification. In addition, the new results were sent to Illinois Department of Health (IDPH). The full report can also be found on our school website at www.sms217.org.

The health and safety of our students and staff are very important to us and we are committed to ensuring that your child has access to safe drinking water at school. Additional information about lead in drinking water can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>. We appreciate your continued patience and support as we addressed this important issue. If you have any additional questions/concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Stacie Gianessi, Principal

And Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~ Matthew 19:14

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