



# SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon,

On December 13, 2022, the Delaware Department of Education announced it contracted with a private firm, Batta Environmental Associates, to conduct additional lead testing. This testing targets every water consumption point in every public school in the state. Testing across the state began the week of December 19, 2022 and will continue for the next three to six months.

As a part of this initiative, the Smyrna School District is collaborating with the Department of Education and Division of Public Health to conduct water testing to ensure the availability of safe drinking water in our schools. Our district, using guidance from the Department of Education and the Division of Public Health, has developed a standard operating procedure to address any water source with an elevated level of lead.

On February 14, 2023, we received test results for five of our schools: Clayton Elementary, Clayton Intermediate, John Bassett Moore Intermediate (JBM), North Smyrna Elementary, and Smyrna Middle. The testing indicated JBM Intermediate and Smyrna Middle had one location, in each school, with an elevated level of lead.

- JBM-
  - Location - classroom
  - Source - sink faucet/fountain
  - Mitigation response - water source turned off, replacement of faucet/fountain scheduled, and an inline filter will be installed
- Smyrna Middle
  - Location - kitchen
  - Source - kitchen kettle (seldom used equipment that was scheduled for removal)
  - Mitigation response - Equipment removed on February 14, 2023

We will likely receive test results from our remaining schools, Smyrna Elementary, Smyrna High, and Sunnyside Elementary, the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>. Results, as well as steps for remediation if necessary, will be made available to our families. For more information about our lead water testing, please visit our "Drinking Water Updates" webpage under the "Family Resources" tab on our district's homepage.

It is important to note the concerns are related to issues that occur within a school's plumbing system and not the water supply from municipal sources. The water supplied by our municipal suppliers undergoes rigorous testing daily to ensure public safety.

Sincerely,

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