

## Independent School District #2859

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Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools 1621 16th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff,

During the 2018-2019 school year, the Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools conducted sampling for lead in drinking water. While the major source of lead exposure in most Minnesota children is paint, lead in plumbing fixtures can add to a person's overall exposure. Drinking water in schools and homes may contain lead from old lead pipes, plumbing fixtures (e.g., fountains and faucets), or solder that joins pipe sections together. A school designee sampled # taps that are commonly used for drinking and cooking and sent them to a certified drinking water laboratory for analysis. A summary of these results is included with this letter.

106 total taps were tested throughout the year. 3 of the taps sampled had results at or above the Environmental Protection Agency's guidance value for lead in school drinking water of 20 parts per billion (ppb). Two of the taps that tested at or above 20 ppb were immediately taken out of service. One tap was replaced and retested. 103 tap results were found below the guidance value.

Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools has taken the following steps to reduce lead exposure: Staying diligent in the testing of all water sources throughout the buildings. Following a testing schedule and correcting any issues that were found.

Our school is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. If you have questions about a lead sample result at a specific tap and actions taken, or if you have concerns please contact Brady Flaherty, Dashier Management at 320-864-2692 or bflherty@gsl.k12.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Michelle Sander Business Manager