



December 6, 2023

Dear OPM Families,

In our efforts to continue clear and transparent communications and keep our students and staff safe and healthy, we are working with our trusted partners from the Ingham County Health Department which today offered recommendations to implement. The letter is **attached** to this email.

The recommendations are in full:

- Continue to work with the Environmental Resources Group (or another company) to develop a comprehensive flushing and testing plan that is consistent with the guidance shared by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).
- Flush every fixture within the Central Montessori School each day for 10 minutes in the morning.
- Sample and test water one month after beginning daily flushing regime.
- Collaborate with ICHD in reviewing the developed flushing and testing plan; ICHD remains available to provide further support and guidance as necessary.
- Ensure further posting of signage that directs staff and students to use bottle-filling stations for drinking water.
- Ensure OPS policies and procedures encourage and do not hinder the use of bottle-filling stations by students and staff.
- Maintain current drinking water restrictions on using any fixture other than filtered water stations.
- Educate staff on the guidance and procedures for drinking water within the Central Montessori School.

Students have been directed to fill their water bottles in the hallway bottle fillers, which filter out lead and other contaminants. Students are not now drinking the water from the classrooms.

The Okemos Schools will continue to take all necessary steps to maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone in our school community. We are committed to providing a learning environment that prioritizes the well-being of our students and staff.

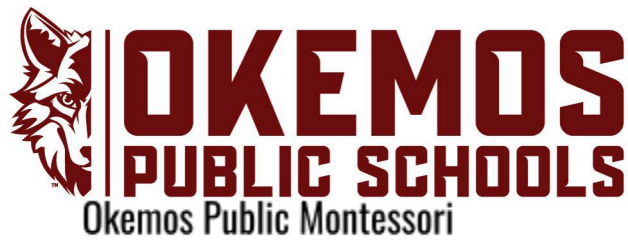
If you have health-related questions, please contact the health team at 517-706-5008.

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December 5, 2023

Dear Families in Mrs. Jennifer's Room,

The Okemos Public Schools remain dedicated to the health and safety of our students and staff as well as clear and transparent communication. On Dec. 4 we tested the water in several OPM classrooms, including those that have tested above the state limit for lead and those that had not yet been tested.

The test results for Room 116 (Mrs. Jennifer's Room) remain elevated at 14 parts-per-billion.

Students have been directed to fill their water bottles in the hallway bottle fillers, which filter out lead and other contaminants. After the second round of testing, students have not been drinking the water from the classrooms.

After the first round of testing showed lead in the water at OPM, the district continues to regularly test. When water tests above the 5 part-per-billion limit, we

- Shut off problem fixture
- Share the test results
- Post "not for drinking" signs at problem fixture
- Continue to provide filtered water throughout the building at bottle-filling stations. If your child is in this classroom and does not have a refillable water bottle, please let Principal Kelly know and we will provide one.
- Flushing of the system
- Schedule follow-up testing with Environmental Resources Group (ERG) to retest all rooms

Additionally, we are working with our trusted partners from the Ingham County Health Department on recommendations for testing and keeping our students safe and healthy.

The water service line for Central Montessori is copper. Many buildings built prior to 1987 have lead solder that was used to join the copper plumbing pipes in the building.

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If your child is in an impacted classroom, you have already received a separate communication from the district.

Students have been directed to fill their water bottles in the hallway bottle fillers, which filter out lead and other contaminants. After the second round of testing, students have not been drinking the water from the classrooms.

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Dear Families in Mrs. Holly's Room,

The Okemos Public Schools remain dedicated to the health and safety of our students and staff as well as clear and transparent communication. On Dec. 4 we tested the water in several OPM classrooms, including those that have tested above the state limit for lead and those that had not yet been tested.

The test results for Room 119 (Mrs. Holly's Room) was at 6 parts-per-billion.

Students have been directed to fill their water bottles in the hallway bottle fillers, which filter out lead and other contaminants. After the second round of testing, students have not been drinking the water from the classrooms.

After the first round of testing showed lead in the water at OPM, the district continues to regularly test. When water tests above the 5 part-per-billion limit, we

- Shut off problem fixture
- Share the test results
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- Continue to provide filtered water throughout the building at bottle-filling stations. If your child is in this classroom and does not have a refillable water bottle, please let Principal Kelly know and we will provide one.
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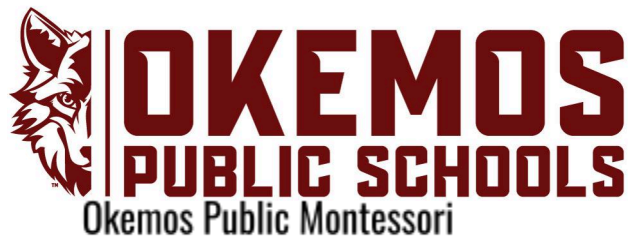
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Dear Families in the Resource Room,

The Okemos Public Schools remain dedicated to the health and safety of our students and staff as well as clear and transparent communication. On Dec. 4 we tested the water in several OPM classrooms, including those that have tested above the state limit for lead and those that had not yet been tested.

The test results for Room 117 (Resource Room) was at 10 parts-per-billion.

Students have been directed to fill their water bottles in the hallway bottle fillers, which filter out lead and other contaminants. After the second round of testing, students have not been drinking the water from the classrooms.

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December 7, 2023

Dear Families in Mrs. Kelly's Room,

The Okemos Public Schools remain dedicated to the health and safety of our students and staff as well as clear and transparent communication. On Dec. 4 and 5 we tested the water in several OPM classrooms, including those that have tested above the state limit for lead and those that had not yet been tested.

The test results for Room 121 (Mrs. Kelly's Room) remain elevated at 49 parts-per-billion

Students have been directed to fill their water bottles in the hallway bottle fillers, which filter out lead and other contaminants. Students are not now drinking the water from the classrooms.

Additionally, we are working with our trusted partners from the Ingham County Health Department and are implementing their recommendations for testing and keeping our students safe and healthy. The full letter is attached to this email.

Their recommendations are in full:

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