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Dear MacArthur School Parent or Guardian:

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community, ECHO Joint Agreement tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

This action is in response to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Public Act 099-0922 in which schools and day care facilities are required to test their hand sinks in classrooms with children 1<sup>st</sup> grade or lower for lead. Any samples with a concentration of above 5ppb must be communicated to all parents and legal guardians.

While our drinking water is safe, two sinks used for hand washing showed lead levels slightly above the 5ppb mark. The first hand sink that tested above 5ppb was in room 9 and tested at 8.28ppb on the first draw and 0ppb after a 10 second flush. The second hand sink that tested above 5ppb was in room 15 and tested at 5.09ppb on first draw and 0ppb on second draw.

Though there has been replacement of faucets and installation of filters, these hand sinks will be on a flushing protocol to ensure levels remain below the 5ppb level. The ECHO Building and Grounds Department will continue to monitor all drinking water sources to ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff and a copy of the flushing plan is available upon request.

A copy of all of our water testing results within our Joint Agreement can be obtained at our central office, which is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00p.m and on our website at [www.echoja.org](http://www.echoja.org)

For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Brian Paczesny at ECHO Joint Agreement 708-985-4512. For more information about lead in drinking water please visit [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) and search lead in drinking water. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or state drinking water agency.

Sincerely,

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