

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Charlotte Public Schools – Water Test Results

As with most schools across our state since the Flint, Michigan lead water crisis, Charlotte Public Schools has conducted water tests. The results of these tests has shown that Charlotte Public Schools’ water, at all sites, is safe and well within allowable United States – Environmental Protection Agency (US-EPA) limits and requirements. This is good news for our school district and should reassure everyone that the water here is safe for consumption.

The school district worked with the City of Charlotte, Department of Public Works in conducting our water tests. The cooperative effort between the city and school district on these water tests should be commended and shared with the Charlotte community. Our school district gets our water, as do most residents in the city, from the two water towers in town.

Specifically, our tests were conducted on Friday, February 12, 2016; the first day of mid-winter break. We took samples at each building, in various locations within the buildings, for a total of twenty (20) samples. Each sample area was actually tested twice, so we had forty (40) results.

The process for taking each sample was as follows:

- At each sample location the water was run or flushed for 10 minutes
- Each sample location then sat stagnant or was not used for six (6) to eight (8) hours
- One sample was taken at each respective location after the six to eight hour wait time
- The second and last sample was taken after “flushing” or “running” the water at that location for two (2) additional minutes.

This process was followed at each sample location in every building. As stated earlier, all of our results are well within allowable limits and safe for consumption. We did have five samples (5) out of the forty (40) that showed trace levels of lead but still were not close to exceeding the amount allowable by the US-EPA. The remaining thirty-five (35) had untraceable amounts. These five sample locations will be investigated by us and if appropriate, the fixtures will be replaced or any other corrections deemed necessary. Again, all the water in all of our locations, is safe and well within the limits and requirements as set forth by the US-EPA.

The City plans on sharing these results with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). If anyone is interested in seeing the report of our school district water tests, please contact my office at (517) 541-5100 and we will share the report with you.

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