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Lead Testing in the Elmwood Park Public Schools

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Dear Parents:

The Elmwood Park Public Schools has contracted with **ER&M (Environmental Remediation & Management)** to test all potable water outlets (water fountains and kitchen sinks) throughout the district, for the presence of lead.

The testing took place on Monday, April 18th and Tuesday, April 19th. **ER&M** Technicians collected 64 samples while on sight in district. Two samples were collected from each faucet tested. The first sample was collected "pre-flush" (first draw sample taken from each location). The second sample was collected "post-flush" (taken after running the water for three minutes). Pre-flush samples determine if there is a problem near the outlet fixture and the post-flush samples determine if there is a problem further upstream in the plumbing system.

Samples were stored in a temperature-controlled cooler until delivery was made to Aqua Pro-Tech Labs (NJ Certified Water Testing Laboratory), located in Fairfield, New Jersey. Turnaround time for results will be two weeks. We will report the results of the testing as soon as we receive them. Analysis will be made using required United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Anthony Grieco
Superintendent of Schools

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