



VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37

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Dear Franklin Elementary School families,

Vancouver Public Schools began testing water for lead in each of its 35 schools last May. All of the initial samples, taken from water sources considered most likely for potential problems, came back with lead levels below the allowable limit. After the first round of tests, as an added precaution, VPS continued testing other water sources at each of the schools.

During this school year, VPS tested all water sources in school kitchens. From the last round of tests, one water source of concern was above the state's allowable limit for lead of 0.020. The source, a kitchen faucet at Franklin Elementary School, had a 0.025 result. The fixture has been replaced and retested at .0072, well below the allowable limit.

We understand and share your concern about elevated levels of lead in drinking water. Please be assured that VPS will continue ongoing tests as part of its preventative maintenance plan. Routine monitoring is important and necessary as VPS is committed to providing a safe environment for its students and employees.

You can find additional information on the Washington Department of Health web page at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Contaminants/Lead>. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Woody Howard  
Principal