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CATHER

2908 W WASHINGTON BLVD, Chicago IL 60612.

Dear **CATHER** families,

In 2016, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) began sampling for lead in drinking water from all schools across the district. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students and staff, and this testing was initiated out of an abundance of caution to ensure the water in our schools is safe.

Per the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) guidance on lead in drinking water, lead concentrations in drinking water should not exceed 15 parts per billion (ppb). Per the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidance, lead concentrations in drinking water shall not exceed 5 ppb. For fixtures that have sample results equal to or above the Illinois Department of Public Health's standard of 5 ppb, these fixtures have been taken out of service until the issue is addressed and the fixture has been retested. No fixture will be returned to service until the Illinois Department of Public Health standard for lead in drinking water is met. Chicago's water supply is free of lead when it leaves the treatment plant. However, lead can be found in some interior plumbing fixtures and materials, and lead found in tap water usually comes from the corrosion of these items. This explains why some fixtures return with elevated results. The issue is not system-wide, but it is specific to the fixtures or pipes that will be addressed through the remediation plan.

Federal guidance indicates that children under the age of six are at the highest risk for harmful lead exposure, and they can be exposed to lead from a variety of sources, including paint, soil and even some consumer products. If you are concerned about your child's possible lead exposure risks, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommends going to your pediatrician or one of the local health care providers listed in the attachment for testing. Additionally, CDPH's lead hotline can address any health-related questions you may have or help you in deciding whether to have your child tested; for questions or more information, please call 312-747-5323. For additional information about lead and children, visit www.cdc.gov/lead.

The safety of your children is our highest priority, and we are doing everything in our power to address this situation in a quick and thorough manner. We will continue to keep you and your family informed throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Schleyer".

Richard J. Schleyer

Director of Environmental Health and Safety

Chicago Public Schools



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Estimadas familias de **CATHER**:

En 2016, las Escuelas Públicas de Chicago (CPS) comenzaron a inspeccionar el agua potable de las escuelas del distrito en búsqueda de plomo. Nuestra primera prioridad es la salud y la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y personal, y estas pruebas se iniciaron para ser precavidos y confirmar que el agua en nuestras escuelas estuviera segura.

Según las directrices de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA, según sus siglas en inglés) en cuanto al plomo en el agua potable la concentración de plomo en el agua potable no debe exceder 15 partes por mil millones (ppb, según sus siglas en inglés). Según las directrices del Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois (IDPH, según sus siglas en inglés), las concentraciones de plomo en el agua potable no deben exceder 5 ppb.

Las instalaciones que al ser examinadas demostraron resultados que iguallen o sobrepasaran el estándar del IDPH de 5 ppb han sido removidas de servicio hasta que el asunto sea resuelto y la instalación haya sido reexaminada. Ninguna instalación será regresada al servicio hasta que cumpla con los estándares de plomo en el agua del IDPH.

El agua de Chicago no contiene plomo al salir de la planta de tratamiento. Sin embargo, se puede encontrar plomo en algunas instalaciones y materiales de plomería interiores, y el plomo encontrado en el agua de pluma normalmente surge de la corrosión en estos artículos. Esto explica por qué algunas instalaciones regresan con resultados elevados. El asunto no está generalizado en el sistema, sino que es específico para instalaciones o tuberías que serán trabajadas por el plan de remediación.

Las directrices federales indican que los niños de menos de seis años sufren el mayor riesgo de exposición dañina al plomo, y pueden ser expuestos al plomo de una variedad de fuentes, que incluyen la pintura, el terreno y hasta algunos productos para el consumidor. Si está preocupado sobre los riesgos posibles de ser expuesto al plomo, el Departamento de Salud Pública de Chicago (CDPH) recomienda ir a su pediatra o uno de los proveedores de atención médica locales incluidos en el anexo para que sea examinado. Adicionalmente, la línea directa sobre el plomo del CDPH puede responder a cualquier pregunta de salud que tenga o ayudarlo y a decidir si hacerle una prueba a su niño; para preguntas o más información sobre el plomo y los niños, visite <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/>.

La seguridad de sus niños es nuestra primera prioridad, y estamos haciendo todo lo posible para responder a esta situación lo más rápida y rigurosamente posible. Continuaremos a mantenerlos a ustedes y sus familias informadas durante este proceso.

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Schleyer".

Richard J. Schleyer
Director de Salud y Seguridad Ambientales
Escuelas Públicas de Chicago

Facility ID	Fixture Code	Fixture Location	Draw Type	Collected On	Result	UOM
51194	51194-1-HAL-F02	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.353	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F02	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.356	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F03	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.356	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F03	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.369	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F03	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.360	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F03	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.365	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F02	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.380	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F02	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.358	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F04	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.368	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F04	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.366	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F04	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.376	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F04	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.376	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F02	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Flush180	24-JUL-20	1.000	ug/L
51194	51194-1-HAL-F02	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.235	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F03	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.318	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F04	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.373	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F02	1st Floor East Corridor Across from Teachers Loung	Initial	24-JUL-20	1.000	ug/L
51194	51194-1-KIT-KS01	1st Floor Kitchen, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.661	ppb
51194	51194-1-KIT-KS01	1st Floor Kitchen, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.771	ppb
51194	51194-1-KIT-KS01	1st Floor Kitchen, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.618	ppb
51194	51194-1-KIT-KS01	1st Floor Kitchen, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.729	ppb
51194	51194-1-KIT-KS01	1st Floor Kitchen, Sink	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.625	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-F07	1st Floor Room 109 North, Fountain	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.640	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-F07	1st Floor Room 109 North, Fountain	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.461	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-F07	1st Floor Room 109 North, Fountain	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.473	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-F07	1st Floor Room 109 North, Fountain	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.408	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-F07	1st Floor Room 109 North, Fountain	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.343	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-S08	1st Floor Room 109 South, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.513	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-S08	1st Floor Room 109 South, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.347	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-S08	1st Floor Room 109 South, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.493	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-S08	1st Floor Room 109 South, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.531	ppb
51194	51194-1-109-S08	1st Floor Room 109 South, Sink	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.532	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-F05	1st Floor Room 111 North, Fountain	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.438	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-F05	1st Floor Room 111 North, Fountain	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.431	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-F05	1st Floor Room 111 North, Fountain	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.482	ppb



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51194	51194-1-111-F05	1st Floor Room 111 North, Fountain	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.542	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-F05	1st Floor Room 111 North, Fountain	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.633	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-S06	1st Floor Room 111 South, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.753	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-S06	1st Floor Room 111 South, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.995	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-S06	1st Floor Room 111 South, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	1.670	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-S06	1st Floor Room 111 South, Sink	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.495	ppb
51194	51194-1-111-S06	1st Floor Room 111 South, Sink	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.937	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F09	1st Floor West Corridor Across from Room 107 North	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.865	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F09	1st Floor West Corridor Across from Room 107 North	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.872	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F09	1st Floor West Corridor Across from Room 107 North	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.889	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F09	1st Floor West Corridor Across from Room 107 North	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.891	ppb
51194	51194-1-HAL-F09	1st Floor West Corridor Across from Room 107 North	Initial	09-JUN-16	1.130	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F01	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 North, Fo	Flush180	09-JUN-16	1.180	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F01	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 North, Fo	Flush180	09-JUN-16	1.020	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F01	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 North, Fo	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.890	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F01	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 North, Fo	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.913	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F01	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 North, Fo	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.865	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F02	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 South, Fo	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.728	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F02	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 South, Fo	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.778	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F02	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 South, Fo	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.675	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F02	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 South, Fo	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.780	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F02	2nd Floor East Corridor Next to Room 218 South, Fo	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.450	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.888	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.885	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.899	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.909	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	24-JUL-20	4.420	ug/L
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	10-SEP-20	1.650	ug/L
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	10-SEP-20	1.320	ug/L
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	10-SEP-20	1.400	ug/L
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Flush180	10-SEP-20	2.030	ug/L
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Initial	09-JUN-16	0.562	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Initial	24-JUL-20	8.320	ug/L
51194	51194-2-HAL-F03	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 North	Initial	10-SEP-20	1.440	ug/L
51194	51194-2-HAL-F04	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 South	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.874	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F04	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 South	Flush180	09-JUN-16	1.010	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F04	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 South	Flush180	09-JUN-16	0.915	ppb

Water Quality Assessment
Willa Cather Elementary School

Facility ID	Fixture Code	Fixture Location	Draw Type	Collected On	Result	UOM
51194	51194-2-HAL-F04	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 South	Flush180	09-JUN-16	1.010	ppb
51194	51194-2-HAL-F04	2nd Floor West Corridor Across from Room 208 South	Initial	09-JUN-16	1.590	ppb