

Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2

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Dear Herscher CUSD No. 2 School Community,

In light of the recent alarm over lead in the water in Detroit and several other areas in our country, it was determined that our school district should test the drinking water at various locations in each one of the schools in our district. This past fall we sent several samples to PDC Laboratories, INC to complete these tests. Unfortunately, we had two locations at Limestone Middle School that tested slightly above the industry recommended limits (15 ug/L). As a result, we have replaced a drinking faucet and water lines to each of the locations. We have since re-tested these areas and have received results that are below the recommended limits (15 ug/L).

In order to continue to keep students as safe as possible, our Maintenance Director will plan on testing random locations of drinking water on an annual basis. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

INFORMATION FROM THE EPA ABOUT LEAD AND COPPER — More information can be found on the EPA website
Lead and copper enter drinking water primarily through plumbing materials. Exposure to lead and copper may cause [health problems](#) ranging from stomach distress to brain damage.

In 1991, the EPA published a regulation to control lead and copper in drinking water. This regulation is known as the Lead and Copper Rule (also referred to as the LCR). Since 1991 the LCR has undergone various revisions. **A summary of these revisions can be found on the EPA website.

The treatment technique for the rule requires systems to monitor drinking water at customer taps. If lead concentrations exceed an action level of 15 ppb or copper concentrations exceed an action level of 1.3 ppm in more than 10% of customer taps sampled, the system must undertake a number of additional actions to control corrosion.

Dr. Richard S. Decman, Superintendent

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