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Dear Reynolds Parents and Staff:

I wanted to contact you about water testing in our schools. Reynolds School District is voluntarily testing water for lead. Over 700 water samples are at the lab awaiting processing. The demand on the testing labs is high and they have started processing some samples from each district instead of doing the testing by school as we had anticipated.

As a precautionary measure, while we are awaiting results of samples, drinking water sources will not be used until test results are received. We have started providing bottled water in all of our schools for drinking and cooking until we can get our test results. We are not receiving our results as quickly as we hoped, so we are choosing the safest possible route and not drinking any water.

We are using the EPA guidelines in our testing and analysis. The EPA advises that samples that test above 20 parts per million or higher should not be used. After identifying sources fixtures with samples over 20 parts per million, a comprehensive mitigation process is started. This means replacing/repairing fixtures, filters and/or plumbing pipes in a systematic way until test samples show that the water is safe by the the EPA standards.

As we get test results, we will share the results for your school(s) with you in a timely fashion. No fixture will be placed in operation if unsafe levels of lead are found in the water. Remedies may include replacement of fixtures, the addition of filters and/or other plumbing projects. Alternative sources of water will be supplied.

Communication of the findings and process will be made available as we receive them on the district website at: <http://www.reynolds.k12.or.us/district/lead-testing-drinking-water>

The age and condition of our buildings varies. The rights of all students to safe drinking water are equal. Our commitment is that no person will be allowed to drink from fixtures that are found to contain unsafe lead levels. Until we have our results, we are cooking with and serving only bottled water

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Florence". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Linda Florence  
Superintendent

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