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Dear Centennial Middle School Parents and Guardians;

November 30, 2016

On Wednesday November 23 the Centennial School District received water testing results for Centennial Middle School which indicated that water fixtures in five classrooms exceeded the limits for lead. Those water samples were taken on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> when the District completed schoolwide sampling. Earlier water tests completed in March and June were a partial test to gauge the likelihood and severity of lead in the school's water. Those test results all were below EPA limits for lead. The classrooms affected are: 209 (two science sinks), 207, 112 and 603.

The water samples which exceeded limits were drawn after 18 hours of soak in the pipes and fixtures. An additional water sample was taken at each fixture after letting the water run for 30 seconds. The second samples were all well under the EPA limits. The water test results for Centennial Middle School are on the Centennial School District website and the link is: <http://csd28j.org/environmental-safety-in-schools/>

We take the safety of students and staff very seriously and today we immediately turned off and posted "Do Not Use" on the fixtures which exceeded the limits. The district plumbing staff will immediately begin making repairs and replacements. During repairs, students will use hallway drinking fountains. Following repairs, the water will be re-tested to be sure it meets the standards. The results of the re-tested water samples will be posted on the District website as soon as they become available and parents will be notified.

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