

Mount Baker Parents:

This is an update on our work to solve lead issues with our water.

I understand there has been some confusion on where to direct students to drink water. Our water fountains are safe unless they have been marked to not drink the water. There is only one fountain in the field house that had a level above 10 ppb. It was tested at 14 ppb and has been labeled to not drink. The other thing that has caused confusion and is important to understand is that the lead is not coming from our water source. It is coming from the fixtures with the sinks.

The following has been completed:

- Signs have been posted at sinks and one fountain that should only be used for washing hands and not for drinking water.
- Kitchen fixtures are currently being replaced.
- Three new fountains with HydroBoost Bottle Filters have arrived. We are ordering more but want to make sure we can get these installed and in working order. These three fountains will go in the Junior High.
- Parts have been ordered to replace other fixtures.
- Filters are installed and up and running.
- A new hot water tank for the 300 building has been installed.
- Letters are being mailed home today. This is the same letter that has been posted on the website.

The following are in progress:

- Replacing fixtures for drinking water.
- Replacing water fountains throughout the campus.
- There are more classrooms that need to be tested as they were missed in the first round of testing. We are working on scheduling this with the Department of Health.

Communication with the Department of Health:

- They have been in close communication and are in support of everything we are doing and have acknowledged that we are going above and beyond what is required.
- They have clearly communicated that science lab sinks should never be used for drinking water. They will not be posting those test results to their website. They will only report drinking water. They informed us that we are not required to post the science labs but we chose to do so even though they are not indicative of drinking water.
- We will be retesting the new fixtures at an appropriate time. Since we have a Water Distribution Manager we will be able to do this in district. However, anytime we test water we report those results to the Department of Health.

Our maintenance team is working hard to get this work done. Keep in mind that by making this a priority there may be other work orders that are delayed. I appreciate your grace and understanding with this matter. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tom, Dave, Fred, Viktor, Cameron, and Ben for all they are doing to address this issue as well as the many other needs throughout the district. Team work makes it happen!

I will send out another update next week.

Have a great day!