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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

In 2022, the Missouri legislature passed the Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act (Section 160.077, RSMo). This Act sets a new standard in Missouri for lead concentrations in school drinking water, which is lower than the lead action level set nationally by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for public water systems. The Act requires schools to conduct inventory, sampling, remediation, and monitoring at all potable drinking water outlets used or potentially used for drinking, food preparation, cooking, or cleaning utensils in a school building.

Sedalia School District #200 hired Blackstone Environmental to test the water in all District facilities to determine if lead concentrations were at or above five parts per billion (5 ppb), which is equal to 5 micrograms per liter. The 5 ppb level required by the state is below the recommended action level for the EPA at 15 ppb. Our district tested 449 water outlets and of those, we had 59 locations that tested slightly above the EPA level and required attention. Of those 59, only 6 were sources that were used for food preparation or drinking. The 6 that needed remediation included:

- Parkview Elementary- kitchen sink
- Smith-Cotton High School- concession sink, kitchen sink and 2 steam ovens
- Washington Elementary- kitchen sink

Upon completion of remediation efforts that included strainer cleaning and/or water filtration system installation, Blackstone Environmental followed up with a retesting service. We were very pleased that after the District's remediation efforts, all 6 sources listed above tested clean, meeting the new standard for school drinking water. Final testing and remediation results are posted on our website at the following link:

<https://www.sedalia200.org/Domain/365>

We appreciate the support and patience from our community as we work to meet the new standard concerning lead levels in drinking water. Staff and student safety is a daily priority for our District.

Respectfully,

Chris Pyle
Assistant Superintendent
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