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Subject: JPS Schools Drinking Water Test Results Below Regulatory Limit for Lead

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The Jackson Public School District has taken steps to ensure the drinking water within the schools is safe. Elementary schools from the targeted areas identified by the City of Jackson (COJ) were selected for the first round of testing as a precaution. Out of an abundance of concern and precaution, JPS conducted tests of drinking water in the following schools in the targeted areas as identified by the City of Jackson.

- Casey Elementary
- Lee Elementary
- Marshall Elementary
- McLeod Elementary
- Spann Elementary
- Oak Forest Elementary
- Timberlawn Elementary
- Woodville Heights Elementary

Only 1 of 37 samples drawn tested above the regulatory limit. The sample was isolated to the water fountain in the dining hall at Lee Elementary School. This drinking water source was taken out of service.

JPS is scheduling drinking water tests at all other schools in the District and will take appropriate action based on the test results. The District continues to offer bottled water as an option and supports the recommendations and guidelines provided by the City of Jackson and Mississippi State Health Department. We will continue to follow the City of Jackson and the Mississippi State Department of Health's recommendations.



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