

Dear Joseph E Fisher (JEF) families,

On January 16th, 2017, SB 0550 was signed by Governor Bruce Rauner requiring all Pre-K through 5th grade school be tested for lead in drinking and cooking water. Schools built after January 1, 2000 and grades 6th through 8th schools are not required to be tested.

Collection of water samples at JEF was completed on November 11, 2018.

We have posted the results of the testing for JEF on our website for viewing. You will find the reports of the findings under the About tab under Public Documents at www.sowic.org.

The testing requirements are as follows:

- Readings below 5 parts per billion (PPB) do not require any action
- Readings above 5 ppb but below 20 ppb require notification to parents of children in the school but are still permitted to be used.
- Readings above 20 ppb require the immediate discontinued use of the fixture/fountain

Of the samples collected, we had a number of locations in the building at JEF that were at or above 5ppb.

Most of these locations are not accessible to students. At the SOWIC Main Entrance, the Main Entry Water Fountain has not been used by any students at JEF for many years and has been taken out of use. Within the student break room, there is a sink that is no longer used by JEF staff and has never been used by any students. This sink has also been taken out of use.

The following water fountains that are available for student use will receive 10 minute daily AM flushing per day and are listed in the following report as: 1st FLR WTR FNTN, 2nd FLR WEST WTR FNTN1, Basement WTR FNTN.

There are 2 sinks in the basement kitchen that will also receive 10 minute daily AM flushing, though they are not accessible to students. These are listed in the following report as: BASEMENT HAND SINK and BASEMENT RIGHT SINK.

Any updated information will be posted when received.

You can find more useful information at the USEPA website for information about lead in drinking water:

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basicinformation-about-lead-drinking-water>