

CAYUGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Notification of Voluntary Sampling for Lead in Drinking Water

Dear Parents, Guardians and Colleagues,

This notice represents an effort to share information about our planned participation in a voluntary program that helps schools like Cayuga ISD analyze the quality and safety of their drinking water. Based on testing routinely done by the management of our community water system, the drinking water provided for our school poses no significant health risks for Cayuga ISD's students, faculty members or guests. However, to be better informed of the quality and safety of the drinking water within the school's plumbing system, we have volunteered to participate in a water testing project offered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

As its name implies, TCEQ's Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program (LTSCC) is a voluntary statewide project that offers free training and guidance on how to reduce exposure to lead in the drinking water at schools and other locations where child care is provided. The project is funded by the TCEQ and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

We anticipate collecting drinking water samples within the next forty-five days. Relevant activities will include:

- Identifying fixtures used for drinking and food preparation,
- Collecting water samples at the identified fixtures,
- Analyzing collected samples using an accredited water laboratory,
- Reviewing test results and, if needed, taking action to reduce exposure to lead,
- Communicating the test results to our community members,
- Continuing to work on reducing any possible lead exposure at our school.

Lead is a heavy metal, and some drinking water pipes, taps, solder and other plumbing materials contain lead. For more information about the sources of lead and its health effects, please visit the EPA's "Basic Information About Lead In Drinking Water" web page at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>

After the water analysis is completed, results of Cayuga ISD's testing will be available on TCEQ's LTSCC Program webpage at [texasleadtesting.org](https://www.texasleadtesting.org). For more information about the LTSCC Program, you may visit the program's webpage, call the helpline at (737) 276-1987, or send an email to info@txleadtesting.org.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joe Satterwhite
Superintendent