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Water Quality Assurance Program

1. The water in Leon County Schools (LCS) is safe.
2. LCS is one of, if not the only, school district in Florida to have implemented a proactive Water Quality Assurance Program (WQAP).
3. The WQAP was developed in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools.
4. LCS conducts regular testing of water quality in its schools and has implemented maintenance practices to assure its water is safe for its students and faculty.
5. There are no lead service lines in Leon County Schools.
6. There is little to no lead in water Leon County Schools receives from the City of Tallahassee. The 2017 Water Quality Report from the City of Tallahassee indicated only a small amount of lead (2 ppb) in the 90th percentile of collected samples.
7. Any lead found in our drinking fountains/kitchen or restroom sinks is a result of stagnant water in metallic water lines serving old plumbing fixtures.
8. LCS has collected more than 250 water samples from the District's 42 schools, including nearly 10 samples at each of the 24 elementary schools.
 - a. 100 samples (40 percent) had no detectable lead
 - b. 224 samples (90 percent) had results less than or equal to 5 parts per billion (ppb)
 - c. ONLY 3 samples (1 percent) had results have been higher than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) action level for lead of 15 ppb
9. Each of the fixtures with results higher than 15 ppb was replaced and resampled. The results showed no detectable lead after replacement.
10. All fixtures similar to those that have tested greater than 15 ppb for lead are also being replaced.
11. LCS flushes every drinking fountain and kitchen sink at least twice per week (Monday and Wednesday) for 30 seconds to 2 minutes to keep water fresh. The Building Maintenance Supervisors (BMS) are flushing the main lines serving the buildings at the farthest point from the main service entering the campus.

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