

Dear Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences families and faculty,

We are writing you to advise you of the results of water testing recently conducted at our school. No problems were found with our water and plumbing.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools began voluntary testing of all sources of water intended for drinking, food preparation or cooking in 58 schools last year. Earlier this fall, we began voluntary testing of an additional 35 sites, screening for lead and copper in the water. This was a proactive program of testing done because we put a top priority on student and staff safety and health.

Hawthorne was among those 35 chosen for testing. CMS partnered with an environmental consulting firm, AECOM, to conduct the water testing. AECOM conducted its testing on Sept. 27, working before and after school hours to avoid disruption to the academic day. Testing was conducted at 23 water-consumption points at our school.

This proactive testing ensures that our students and staff have access to clean, safe drinking water and water for other uses, such as cooking. This letter is part of our effort to share all water-testing information with you. You can see the full results of the testing, including the fountains and faucets that were tested, at the CMS Water Testing Program page on our website (www.cms.k12.nc.us). If you have any additional questions, contact Dan Collins, the district's environmental health and safety manager, at ehs@cms.k12.nc.us or call 980-343-4879.

Again, we are pleased to report that no problems were found with our drinking fountains and faucets.

Thank you for choosing CMS.

Sincerely,

Diann Weston, Principal