

Dear Smith Family Center staff,

We are writing you to advise you of the results of water testing recently conducted at your building. We tested 20 water-consumption points and found unacceptable levels of copper in the water of one drinking fountain. That fountain has been taken out of service and the work is complete.

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.

Smith Family Center was among those 35 chosen for testing. CMS partnered with a certified environmental consulting firm, AECOM, to conduct the water testing. AECOM conducted its testing Oct. 2, working before and after business hours to avoid disruption.

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. The full results of the testing, including the fountains and faucets that were tested and those that were repaired or removed, can be found at the CMS Water Testing Program page on our website ([www.cms.k12.nc.us](http://www.cms.k12.nc.us)).

Again, we want to emphasize that the issues found by this program of proactive testing have been successfully resolved, ensuring that the water at Smith Family Center consumption points is clean and safe.

If you have any additional questions, contact me at [ehs@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:ehs@cms.k12.nc.us) or call 980-343-4879.

Sincerely,

Dan Collins, CMS Environmental Health and Safety Manager