

Dear Project L.I.F.T. Graham Center families and faculty,

We are writing you to advise you of the results of water testing recently conducted at the Graham Center. We tested eight water-consumption points and found a lead level that exceeds state standards for drinking water in the faucet of one sink in the teachers' lounge. The sink 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.

The Graham Center 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. 26, working before and after school 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).

Again, we want to emphasize that the issues found by this program of proactive testing have been addressed, ensuring that the water at the Graham Center is clean and safe.

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.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timisha Barnes-Jones, Principal, West Charlotte High School