

To: Parents, Students, Faculty, and Staff
From: Mr. Patchett
Subject: Water Testing
Date: 8/22/17

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff,

In accordance with Illinois Senate Bill 550, which requires lead testing in education facilities and daycare centers, on August 5, 2017, Oblong CUSD #4 took 84 samples from 42 outlets from the High School and Elementary School. Two samples were taken from each outlet: a “first draw” sample consisting of water that had laid stagnate in the lines for between 8-18 hours and a second “flush” sample that was collected subsequent to the lines had been flushed for 30 seconds after the first sample was collected. Samples were sent to an EPA-Accredited laboratory for analytical testing. EPA Method 200.8 “Lead in Drinking Water” was performed on all samples.

On August 21, 2017 at just after 4:00 PM we received the results from the August 5th testing. 5 fountains and 15 sink faucets were identified as outlets over 5 ppb. Upon receiving test results from Pace Analytical, Oblong CUSD #4 has taken immediate action by decommissioning fountains and faucets identified until further testing can locate the sources of the lead contamination. We secured alternate drinking water to be provided to our students and staff in those locations. In addition, although not required, we shut off any outlets that were identified below 5 ppb, but above 2 ppb until we have additional information and a water management plan. We still have several working fountains in each building, but will have alternate drinking water to ensure we meet the needs of our students and staff.

Parents and staff will receive a letter soon with additional information about the testing results and water management plan. We contacted several solutions experts and will share our plan as soon as possible. The safety of our students is our top priority and we will complete whatever steps necessary to ensure we provide safe drinking water. Please contact me with any questions.