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Dear Brightpoint Head Start Parents,

The Brightpoint Head Start recently participated in a voluntary State program to test our schools'/childcare facility's drinking water for lead. This program was offered to all Indiana public schools and childcare facilities and specifically tests water fixtures that provide drinking or cooking water to students.

In our school system/childcare facility, a total of 63 fixtures were tested. 99.99% of those fixtures did not present lead levels that exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb).

However, one fixture did present lead levels that exceed the EPA's action level. The action level of 15 ppb is not a measure of health effects; it serves as a signal for the school/childcare facility to take steps to reduce lead in the water. Lead found in tap water typically comes from the corrosion of interior plumbing fixtures and materials that contain lead, not usually from the municipal water supply. The issue is specific to the identified fixtures and will be addressed by the remediation plan.

The fixtures of concern are located in an UNUSED classroom at Hanna Creighton.

We have already taken the first three steps listed below and will complete the last bullet prior to start of school year 2025-2026 to address this situation:

- Shut off the water to these fixtures
- Installed signs where applicable indicating these fixtures are for hand-washing only
- Replaced the fixtures
- Completed tests again to ensure the problem has been resolved

If you would like a copy of the complete testing results or more information about the findings, please contact our office at lisakipker@mybrightpoint.org.

Sincerely, Lisa Kipker Programs Operation Manager

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