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Dear Parents and Staff:

Earlier this week, Jackson R2 informed all families about a new testing program being implemented to check for the presence of lead in drinking water at schools. This testing has been completed at South Elementary and the results of the tests are provided below.

An independent testing firm, Professional Environmental Engineers, conducted testing on **88** potential drinking water sources within South Elementary. Many of the sources tested were sinks or other water sources located in classrooms or other areas of the building, made available for handwashing or classroom activities, and not intended for drinking or cooking. Preliminary results indicate that **0** of the water sources tested at South Elementary exceed the required level.

The source of lead in water is typically from materials and components associated with service lines and plumbing. Jackson R2 is committed to the health and well-being of its students and staff to ensure all drinking water at South Elementary meets the newly required lead concentration level of less than 5 ppb.

Information about the health effects of lead exposure is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on our website.

If you have specific questions about how lead exposure may affect your child, please contact your healthcare provider.

Detailed water test results for all schools and information and resources about the health effects of lead exposure may be viewed at www.jacksonr2schools.com.

Sincerely,

Dr. Keenan Kinder
Assistant Superintendent - Safety and District Operations