



Henry Ford Academy

SCHOOL for Creative STUDIES

September 15, 2017

Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies Families:

Although the Environmental Protection Agency confirms that “the United States has one of the safest water supplies in the world”, the recent Flint water crisis raised concerns at local and national levels regarding the quality of water in our homes, businesses and schools.

The safety and security of children and staff is always our primary concern. On June 3, 2017 an environmental consultant from Testing Engineers & Consultants, Inc. conducted water sample collections for Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies and on June 17, 2017 the same collections were conducted at Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies Elementary School. The environmental consultant used the first draw method stipulated in the Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) sampling guidelines for lead and copper.

The action level established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) while for copper it is 1.3 mg/L. The results of all the samples collected and analyzed within Henry Ford Academy Elementary School were below action level for both lead and copper. The results of the all the samples collected and analyzed within Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies were below action level for copper and all except one water sample was below action levels for lead. The sample that was above action level on the first flush was in the 4th floor Teacher Collaboration Space, an area not accessed by students. Although there was no detectable trace of lead on a second two-minute flush, the decision was made to replace the faucet on the sink to avoid any possibility of problems. This repair was completed prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at ngill@hfli.org.

Sincerely,

Nanette Gill
Superintendent