



A Notice to Parents, Guardians and Staff
A Plan for the Health of Our School Drinking Water

January 8, 2019

Parchment School District
520 North Orient Avenue
Parchment, MI 49004

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

This is a notice that Parchment Middle School began using bottled water for consumption this evening as a precautionary measure.

The reason for this is as follows:

- As previously communicated, one sink faucet that tested with elevated levels of lead contaminants at the Middle School was replaced and re-tested. However, today's test results still showed elevated levels at this rarely used fixture. Until we can figure out why these levels did not improve at this site, we are changing our water source.

This sink has **NOT** been used for consumption by any staff or students. This is a precautionary measure meant to ensure safety during this thorough investigation.

Additional water samples taken from the Middle School have shown levels well below the actionable level.

What we will be doing

Parchment Middle School will remain on bottled water until we have test results from every source of consumable water in the building tested and analyzed. These samples were drawn today and we anticipate the results back this week. Once we have results reviewed by the health department, we will formulate a plan of action. This plan will be communicated to you before any action is taken. We are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way.

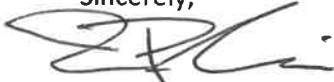
Parchment Middle School is fully stocked with an abundance of bottled water for consumption. Our food service department is prepared for the modifications required for meal preparation. The health department has also assured us that the water is safe for hand washing and showering/bathing. The only modification to the day will be the use of bottled water for consumption.

Further sampling and investigative measures have been happening, and will continue to happen with the advisement and protocols set forth with the DEQ, MDHHS and the Kalamazoo County Health Department.

Again, our aim is to keep you informed at every step of this process. We are preemptively acting with an abundance of caution to ensure the safety of staff and students.

If you have any questions please contact us at 269-488-1050 or jmisner@parchment.k12.mi.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Misner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Misner

Superintendent

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