



November 18, 2016

Dear CLA families,

At Citizens Leadership Academy, your child's safety and well-being is our single most important priority. News of water quality concerns last year, specifically as it related to lead-in drinking water, prompted us to ensure the water quality in our schools complied with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Act. This Act required EPA to establish specific levels for contaminants in drinking water at which no adverse health effects are likely to occur with an adequate margin of safety. I'm happy to report that the drinking water at our schools was identified as having lead levels below EPA's established level.

Breakthrough Schools contracted with HZW Environmental Consultants, LLC (HZW) -- an independent environmental, health and safety firm -- to sample and analyze the drinking water at our school. Their sampling and analytical methods complied with EPA's sampling and analytical method established for lead-in drinking water.

HZW tested the water from drinking fountains, kitchen sinks, water coolers, and teachers' lounge sinks back in May and again this October. In both rounds of testing, all drinking water tested at Citizens Leadership Academy was identified as having a lead level well below EPA's established level for lead. We will continue to work with HZW to regularly monitor our schools' drinking water, and will take any steps necessary to ensure the ongoing safety of our students and staff.

While the drinking water tested well below the EPA's established lead level for lead, we did see lead levels in the service connector line into our school (where water initially comes into the building) that were at or above EPA's established level. While this is not causing any problems for our drinking water, out of an abundance of caution we are working with HzW to evaluate our options for resolving these issues and will keep you informed going forward.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Model Operations Director Davis Karousis or Breakthrough Schools Chief Operating Officer Tyler Thornton, at 216-456-2086, ext. 1301.

Sincerely,

Davis Karousis
Model Operations Director