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Willow Ridge Water is Clean & Safe!

Grand Ledge, MI – Earlier today, the Barry-Eaton District Health Department sent Grand Ledge Public Schools a letter stating they “have no objection to the water supply at Willow Ridge Elementary again being used to serve students and staff.” Bottled water will no longer be needed for students and staff now that the Willow Ridge water is clean and safe again.

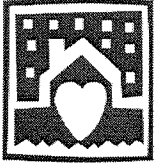
Grand Ledge Public Schools took swift and decisive action to address the elevated levels of lead found earlier in two of the ten samples tested by monitors. Our maintenance team led the work to replace all faucets and shut-off valves at Willow Ridge Elementary -- a solution that went above and beyond what was suggested by the Barry-Eaton Health Department.

After completing the work, Grand Ledge Public Schools began the testing protocol to be sure the water at Willow Ridge was clean and safe. We tested twenty-four water samples, and the Barry-Eaton District Health Department notes, “All of these water samples after the repair have met the requirements.”

The most recent letter sent from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department is available online at GLcomets.net/WillowRidgeWaterIssueFixed

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Grand Ledge Public Schools, a community committed to excellence. Grand Ledge Public Schools strives to provide diverse learning opportunities of exemplary quality to promote distinguished student achievement. Our two early childhood centers, one kindergarten building, four elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school all endeavor to educate students who are able to collaborate, communicate, and problem solve in a global, multicultural, technological world.



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Grand Ledge Public Schools
c/o John Piper
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RE: Lead results at Willow Ridge Elementary, WSSN 2025723

Dear John Piper:

Willow Ridge Elementary exceeded the Action Level for lead during the most recent round of lead and copper monitoring from June 1 to September 30, 2019. An AL exceedance is not a violation but triggers other requirements under the administrative rules promulgated under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 3000, as amended (SDWA). Two of the ten samples collected exceeded the Action Level for lead.

Upon notification of the results, Grand Ledge Public Schools removed the drinking water fixtures from public consumption. Grand Ledge Public Schools replaced all fixtures and valves within the building and completed a round of confirmation sampling after a minimum of six hours of stagnation. Grand Ledge Public Schools also collected two coliform bacteria samples at least twenty-four hours apart following the repair. Each of the twenty-four confirmation samples tested below the Action Levels for lead and copper. Both of the bacteria samples tested nondetect for coliform bacteria. All of these water samples after the repair have met the requirements of the SDWA.

At this time, the Barry-Eaton District Health Department has no objection to the water supply at Willow Ridge Elementary again being used to serve students and staff. The Barry-Eaton District Health Department will continue to work with Grand Ledge Public Schools to fulfill the ongoing requirements of the SDWA. Please see letter date 08/26/2019 for continuing obligations related to lead and copper.

Sincerely,

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