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Dear Woodland Hills Community,

This past summer, the Woodland Hills School District was awarded a grant from the 1000 Hours of Lead and Radon-Free Schools program through Women for a Healthy Environment, in collaboration with the Green Building Alliance. This grant allowed the school district to test and remediate lead in drinking water.

The Woodland Hills School District, under the supervision of Director of Facilities Robert Finney, contacted Intertek PSI to assist with the water sampling and testing. All sources of drinking water in each school building were sampled and tested for lead. Following the testing, Mr. Finney met with Healthy Schools PA Coordinator, Kara Rubio, to create a remediation and preventive maintenance plan moving forward to ensure that all drinking water sources were free of lead. These recommendations follow the EPA's guidelines.

All water sources with levels exceeding the state level of 15 ppg, or 15 microgram/liter, were immediately taken out of service. Remediation began in the fall of 2018 and will be completed in the spring of 2019. While remediation is on-going, signage will be posted informing the school community that this source is under remediation, and directing the school community to the nearest alternate drinking water sources.

Exposure to lead is linked to several negative health effects, especially in developing children. Women for a Healthy Environment would like to congratulate the Woodland Hills School District for being a proactive partner and advocate for protecting the health of students and staff. Kara Rubio, Healthy Schools PA Coordinator commented, "I would like to thank the Woodland Hills School District for taking the opportunity to partner with us to pursue lead testing in their school district. Thanks to our partnership with Bob Finney, we were able to provide technical assistance and create a plan for remediation moving forward. Woodland Hills joins a small but growing number of school districts in our region who show they are concerned for, and are willing to act, to protect where kids learn, grow, and play."

For more information about the grant Woodland Hills received, [click here](#).

For more information about lead and its health effects, [click here](#).

For more information please contact Kara Rubio at Kara@womenforahealthyenvironment.org

Sincerely,

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