



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

December 20, 2017

Dear Parents and Families:

Throughout the course of the year, DC Public Schools (DCPS) and the DC Department of General Services (DGS) partner to coordinate lead testing of drinking water sources within all schools. On December 13, 2017, annual testing took place at Sousa Middle School.

Per District of Columbia law, all drinking water sources must test below 5 ppb (parts per billion), which is the standard to which the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates bottled water. **DCPS is pleased to share that all of the drinking water sources sampled this year within Sousa tested below 5 ppb.**

You may access your school's official water sampling results at <http://dgs.dc.gov/page/water-sampling-results-dc-public-schools>.

Lead has a long history of use in the United States. The fight to limit, and eventually end, exposure to it is ongoing. DCPS is committed to ensuring that every drinking water source is below the 5 ppb standard. Please visit <https://dcps.dc.gov/page/water-testing-lead> to learn more about lead, read through the testing protocol, and review water filtration efforts.

If you have any additional questions, the Office of the Chief Operating Officer is a resource to families and can be reached via email at [schooloperations.dcps@dc.gov](mailto:schooloperations.dcps@dc.gov) or by phone at (202) 442-5192.

Sincerely,

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