



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DRINKING WATER TESTING 2018

May 17, 2018

**Executive Summary:**  
**Cold Spring Elementary School**  
9201 Falls Chapel Way  
Potomac, MD 20854

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| Round of Testing:                                      | Initial   |
| # of Outlets Tested:                                   | 37  |
| # of Outlets $\geq$ 20 ppb:                            | 9   |
| Low Value (ppb):                                       | < 1.0   |
| High Value (ppb):                                      | 79.1  |
| Follow-Up Testing Required<br>(Samples $\geq$ 20 ppb): | Room 5 (24.2 ppb)<br>Media Center (72.6 ppb)<br>Computer Lab (79.1 ppb)<br>Room 19 (41.0 ppb)<br>Room 19 (36.1)<br>Room 13 (56.3 ppb)<br>Room 24 (35.9 ppb)<br>Computer Lab (30.1 ppb)<br>Room 1 (26.2 ppb) |

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| Round of Testing:    | Follow-Up – 30 sec draw |
| # of Outlets Tested: | 9                       |

### **Project Status** **Testing Complete: Remediation Plan**

Classroom 5– Replace fixture (LW06923), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink  
 Media Center– Replace fixture (LW06928), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink  
 Computer Lab– Replace fixture (LW06931), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink  
 Classroom 19– Replace fixture (LW06932), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink  
 Classroom 19– Replace fixture (LW06933), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink  
 Classroom 13– Replace fixture (LW06997), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink  
 Classroom 24– Replace fixture (M12613), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink  
 Computer Lab– Replace fixture (M12618), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink  
 Classroom 1– Replace fixture (M14040), in addition to supply line and valve located under sink



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Re: Lead in Water Testing Service

Location: Cold Spring Elementary School  
9201 Falls Chapel Way  
Potomac, MD 20854

Dear Mr. Mullikin:

Professional Services Industries (PSI), Inc. is pleased to submit the following report to the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) for completion of initial lead in water testing at Cold Spring Elementary School, located at 9201 Falls Chapel Way in Potomac, MD 20854.

**Scope of Services:**

PSI conducted lead in water testing at Cold Spring Elementary School in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Maryland House Bill (HB) 270. State regulation established an action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) to evaluate lead levels in school buildings, a concentration EPA recommends that schools take action to reduce lead below this action level. Maryland requires periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings. EPA developed the 3T's (Training, Testing, and Telling) to assist schools in reducing the lead concentrations in their drinking water. More information about 3T's can be found on the EPA website.

PSI visited the site on 3/13/18 and 3/14/18 to collect samples from 37 drinking water outlets in accordance with current criteria described by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Draft Lead in Drinking Water—Public and Nonpublic Schools, Title 26, Subtitle 16 Lead, Chapter 07. Nine 30 second follow-up sample were collected on 5/8/18.

Samples were submitted to a laboratory for lead in water analysis using current US EPA methodology. The laboratory has been certified by the Maryland Department of the Environment to analyze drinking water for lead.

**Results:**

There were nine results of the initial lead in water analysis at or above 20 parts per billion (ppb) and subsequent follow up 30 second results are highlighted in the summary table below:



| Barcode ID | Sample Location | Date Collected | Initial Sample Result (ppb) | Date Collected | 30 Second Follow Up Sample Result (ppb) |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---|
| LW06923    | Classroom 5     | 3/14/18        | 24.2                        | 5/8/18         | 4.1                                     |
| LW06928    | Media Center    | 3/14/18        | 72.6                        | 5/8/18         | 1.8                                     |
| LW06931    | Computer Lab 20 | 3/14/18        | 79.1                        | 5/8/18         | 12.2                                    |
| LW06932    | Classroom 19    | 3/14/18        | 41.0                        | 5/8/18         | <1.0                                    |
| LW06933    | Classroom 19    | 3/14/18        | 36.1                        | 5/8/18         | 2.4                                     |
| LW06997    | Classroom 13    | 3/14/18        | 56.3                        | 5/8/18         | <1.0                                    |
| M12613     | Classroom 24    | 3/14/18        | 35.9                        | 5/8/18         | 2.3                                     |
| M12618     | Computer Lab 20 | 3/14/18        | 30.1                        | 5/8/18         | 19.7                                    |
| M14040     | Classroom 1     | 3/14/18        | 26.2                        | 5/8/18         | <1.0                                    |

The initial lead in water sample results (03/14/2018) and 30 second follow up results (5/8/18) are shown in Attachment A.

**Discussion:**

Lead is a naturally occurring element that can be harmful to humans when ingested or inhaled, particularly to children under the age of six. Lead can adversely affect the development of children’s brain potentially leading to detrimental alterations in intelligence and behavior. Lead has been historically used in plumbing, paint and other building materials. Lead is released into the environment from industrial sources and fuel combustion. Lead may also be found in consumer products (imported candy, medicines, toys, dishes, etc.).

Most lead leaches into drinking water from contact with plumbing components such as faucets and valves made of brass or lead-containing solder. The physical and chemical interaction that occurs between the plumbing and water directly contributes to the amount of lead that is released into the water. Although plumbing components installed prior to the 1990’s could contain more lead than newer materials, the amount of lead in the drinking water cannot be predicted by the age of building. The purpose of this regulation is to establish a program to minimize the risk of exposure to lead in drinking water outlets at schools.

Simple steps like keeping your home clean and well-maintained will go a long way in preventing lead exposure. These steps include inspecting and maintaining all painted surfaces to prevent paint deterioration, using only cold water to prepare food and drinks, flushing water outlets used for drinking or food preparation, and cleaning around painted areas where friction can generate dust, such as doors, windows, and drawers. Wipe these areas with a wet sponge or rag to remove paint chips or dust, and wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often.



Respectfully Submitted,

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES, INC.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nand Kaushik".

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Attachments:           A – Lead in Water Test Summary Table

# ATTACHMENT A

## Cold Spring ES Water Test Summary Table

**Contractor:** Professional Services Industries, Inc.

**Certified Laboratory:** Microbac Laboratories, Inc.

Initial Sample Results for Cold Spring Elementary School (3/14/18)

| Barcode ID | Room # | Location     | Location Notes  | Equipment Type   | Results | Pass/Fail | Status                   |
|------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| LW06922    |        | Hallway      | Across From 6   | Cooler           | <1.0    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06923    | 5      | Classroom    |                 | Bubbler - Indoor | 24.2    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |
| LW06928    |        | Media Center |                 | Faucet           | 72.6    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |
| LW06929    |        | Break Room   |                 | Faucet           | 2.3     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06931    | 20     | Computer Lab |                 | Bubbler - Indoor | 79.1    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |
| LW06932    | 19     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 41.0    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |
| LW06933    | 19     | Classroom    |                 | Bubbler - Indoor | 36.1    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |
| LW06947    |        | Hallway      | In Front Of Gym | Cooler           | <1.0    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06948    |        | Hallway      | In Front Of Gym | Cooler           | <1.0    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06950    | 15     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 3.0     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06951    | 15     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 5.3     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06957    |        | Kitchen      |                 | Faucet           | 5.5     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06958    |        | Kitchen      |                 | Faucet           | 1.9     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06993    | 9      | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 12.7    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06994    | 11     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 9.3     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| LW06997    | 13     | Classroom    |                 | Bubbler - Indoor | 56.3    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |
| M12572     | 10     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 4.2     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12577     | 13     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 10.5    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12580     | 8      | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 12.9    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12582     | 7      | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 7.6     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12584     | 6      | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 16.6    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12595     | 2      | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 7.2     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12597     | 1      | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 14.7    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12599     | 3      | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 11.6    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12603     | 4      | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 6.3     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12610     | 21     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 8.8     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12612     | 23     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 5.1     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12613     | 24     | Classroom    |                 | Bubbler - Indoor | 35.9    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |
| M12616     | 24     | Classroom    |                 | Faucet           | 2.1     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12618     | 20     | Computer Lab |                 | Faucet           | 30.1    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |
| M12621     |        | Hallway      | Next to Admin   | Cooler           | <1.0    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |

| Barcode ID | Room # | Location        | Location Notes | Equipment Type | Results | Pass/Fail | Status                   |
|------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| M12622     | 18     | Classroom       |                | Faucet         | 5.7     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12637     |        | Kitchen         |                | Faucet         | 1.2     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12638     |        | Kitchen         |                | Faucet         | 2.4     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12645     | 17     | Classroom       |                | Faucet         | 13.2    | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M12648     |        | Work Room Admin |                | Faucet         | 8.1     | Pass      | Testing Complete         |
| M14040     | 1      | Classroom       |                | Faucet         | 26.2    | Fail      | Follow-Up Testing Needed |

\*ppb = parts per billion

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**Certified Laboratory:** Microbac Laboratories, Inc.

Follow Up Sample Results for Cold Spring Elementary School (5/8/18)

| Barcode ID | Room Number | Location     | Equipment Type   | Initial draw (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) (PPB) | 30 Second Draw (PPB) | Status  |
|------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| LW06923    | 5           | Classroom    | Bubbler - Indoor | 12.2                                  | 4.1                  | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |
| LW06928    |             | Media Center | Faucet           | 17.2                                  | 1.8                  | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |
| LW06931    | 20          | Computer Lab | Bubbler - Indoor | 62.8                                  | 12.2                 | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |
| LW06932    | 19          | Classroom    | Faucet           | 14.8                                  | <1.0                 | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |
| LW06933    | 19          | Classroom    | Bubbler - Indoor | 34.6                                  | 2.4                  | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |
| LW06997    | 13          | Classroom    | Bubbler - Indoor | 7.1                                   | <1.0                 | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |
| M12613     | 24          | Classroom    | Bubbler - Indoor | 6.2                                   | 2.3                  | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |
| M12618     | 20          | Computer Lab | Faucet           | 145.0                                 | 19.7                 | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |
| M14040     | 1           | Classroom    | Faucet           | 4.7                                   | <1.0                 | Remediation required – replace fixture, in addition to supply line and valve located under sink |

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Note: Fixture(s) with elevated test results were immediately removed from service. Subsequent 2nd round testing was performed on these fixture(s) for further diagnostics for remediation. Because the fixture was shut off after the first test, the subsequent test results may not be representative of an in-use fixture because of stagnant water in the supply line and the operation of shut off valves prior to the tests. All fixtures with elevated test results are to be remediated. After remediation, post remediation testing will be conducted before the fixture is returned to service.