May 27, 2016

Dear Benning Families,

As described in a communication earlier this month, DC Prep recently partnered with Microbac Laboratories to conduct a thorough and rigorous lead test of all water sources at our campuses. The first round of tests indicated that **all sources of drinking water at our Benning Elementary Campus did NOT test positive for harmful levels of lead**. Two non-drinking water sources did test positive for elevated lead levels, and they were both immediately disabled.

Subsequent tests have indicated that **all sources of drinking water at our Benning Middle Campus also did NOT test positive for harmful levels of lead**. Two additional non-drinking water sources did test positive for elevated lead levels. Those two sources were both in unused areas of the school basement and were immediately disabled.

Once again, no lead was found in the drinking water on-site and, as such, we have no reason to believe any Preppies or staff were put at risk.

DC Prep's Operations Team has replaced one of the identified water sources, and has disabled the remaining three sources as replacement and repair work continues. None of the remaining elevated water sources are in areas of the building accessible to students. All repaired or replaced water sources WILL remain disabled until such time as a lead re-test indicates that the source does not have elevated levels of lead.

We take the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and families very seriously and are committed to a safe and healthy learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns about lead tests, please reach out to Dan Englender (denglender@dcprep.org or 202-635-4590 x249). Thank you for entrusting us with your child's safety and education.

Sincerely,

Emily Lawson

Founder and CEO, DC Prep

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