July 20, 2020

Dear Greenon Junior/Senior High School Families-

In recent test results, the Greenon Junior/Senior School has detected lead in levels exceeding the federal/state action level. Samples were taken on July 6, 2020. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

We are collaborating with EPA to ensure that the building continues to be safe for our students, staff and community. We will continue to adhere to all EPA and industry testing and safety recommendations to ensure that our public water system provides safe drinking water for students and staff. As a result of the school closure in March, we believe that levels are elevated as there has not been regular usage and flow in the building.

The 90th percentile for lead at Greenon Junior/Senior School was 38.7 micrograms per liter (µg/L), which means 90% of the samples collected had lead levels below 38.7 µg/L. When the 90th percentile for lead sample results is at or above 15 µg/L, Greenon Junior/Senior High School is required to take action to correct the exceedance. Greenon Junior/Senior School was required to take 10 samples this monitoring period (June 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020) and 4 of the 10 samples collected are above 15 µg/L.

Greenon Junior/Senior School is working with Ohio EPA to correct this issue. We have removed the four fixtures that tested above 15 µg/L from service. We will also be testing the water for corrosivity and developing and implementing corrosion treatment.

Lead typically enters the water primarily as a result of corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and household plumbing. There are steps the public can take to reduce their lead exposure, which include running the water for 30 seconds to 3 minutes (or until it is noticeably colder) before using it for drinking, cooking, or preparing baby formula. For more information on the health effects of lead, visit U.S. EPA's website at: [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

For more information about lead in drinking water, visit US EPA's Web site at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead); call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD; or contact your health care provider.

For more information about this lead exceedance, please contact Greenon Junior/Senior High School at 937-340-6372. As always, the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, we will continue to work closely with experts to ensure that our learning environment is as safe and healthy as possible.

Thank you,

Brad Silvus
Superintendent