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Dear U Prep Family,

Although the Environmental Protection Agency confirms that “the United States has one of the safest water supplies in the world,” the Flint water crisis has raised concerns at local and national levels regarding the quality of water in homes, businesses and schools.

The safety and security of our children is always our primary concern. On Thursday, June 15th, an environmental consultant from Nova Environmental, Inc. conducted the water sample collection within all U Prep Buildings. The water samples were collected “first draw” which means that the tap was not flushed prior to the sample collection. Additional samples were collected after a 30 second flush but these samples were not analyzed unless the first draw was determined to be above the applicable action level. The first draw method is stipulated within the Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) sampling guidelines for lead and copper.

#### Analysis

Subsequent to the collection, the sample bottles were hand delivered to the National Testing Laboratories, Ltd., Ypsilanti, Michigan. The type of analysis performed on the water samples was Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometry (ICP – MS).

#### Sample Results

The action level established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) while for copper is 1.3 mg/L. The results of all samples collected and analyzed within the University Prep School buildings were **below the action levels for both lead and copper.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [mark.ornstein@uprepschools.com](mailto:mark.ornstein@uprepschools.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the U Prep Schools.

Educationally Yours,



Mark Ornstein

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## DISTRICT WATER TESTING RESULTS

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**Sample Results:** The action level established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) while for copper is 1.3 mg/L. The results of all samples collected and analyzed for University Prep Schools is below.

School/Location	Lead Analysis Results	Copper Analysis Results
<b>University Prep Academy High School</b> 610 Antoinette Detroit, MI 48202	<b>Below Action Level</b>	<b>Below Action Level</b>
<b>UPA Mark Murray Elementary</b> 435 Amsterdam Detroit, MI 48202	<b>Below Action Level</b>	<b>Below Action Level</b>
<b>UPA Ellen Thompson Elementary</b> 957 Holden Street Detroit, MI 48202	<b>Below Action Level</b>	<b>Below Action Level</b>
<b>UPSM High School</b> 2664 Franklin Street Detroit, MI 48207	<b>Below Action Level</b>	<b>Below Action Level</b>
<b>UPSM Middle School</b> 5100 John R. Detroit, MI 48202	<b>Below Action Level</b>	<b>Below Action Level</b>
<b>UPSM Elementary</b> 2251 Antietam Detroit, MI 48207	<b>Below Action Level</b>	<b>Below Action Level</b>

**Communication:** A letter from the CEO, Mark Ornstein has been sent to the staff and parent community with the water testing results. This letter is also posted on the district website: <http://www.uprepschools.com>

**Conclusion:** Both lead and copper levels are below the MDEQ action level for all schools at UPA and UPSM, therefore no further action is required.