

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**



April 27, 2016

Questions from Logan Capitol Hill Montessori Lead in Water Meeting with Parents

1. Please provide specific work orders for the water fountains that required repairs?

Please see the following work order management spreadsheet attached for your review which has been sorted to include all water fountain work orders related to the school.

<i>Work Request Code</i>	<i>Work Request Status</i>	<i>Location Name</i>	<i>Problem Type</i>	<i>Work Team Code</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Work Description</i>	<i>Age (Days)</i>	<i>Date Work Requested</i>
443377	Closed	CAPITOL HILL MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL @ LOGAN	WATER COOLER	PLUMBING	Routine	Please replace/install lead water filter in drinking water cooler located on the second floor hallway adjacent to 212 Library. Please contact Kathleen Walsh, 202-359-4924, with any questions. Thank you.	15	4/12/2016
443249	Closed	CAPITOL HILL MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL @ LOGAN	WATER COOLER	PLUMBING	High	Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan Please replace the drinking water fountains on the 2nd Floor located in the hallway adjacent to Room 212. Please install lead filters on three fountains on the 2nd floor. One located in the hallway adjacent to Room 212, and two fountains (high/low) located in the hallway adjacent to Room 202. It is critical to install lead filters are all fountains located on the 2nd floor of the main building. This is part of our Lead in Drinking Water Program.	16	4/11/2016
442737	Closed	CAPITOL HILL MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL @ LOGAN	WATER FOUNTAIN	PLUMBING	High	CAPITOL HILL MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL @ LOGAN ANNEX 215 G ST NE Repair three cluster water fountains and on the 2nd floor main building repair one water fountain.	21	4/6/2016
441807	Closed	CAPITOL HILL MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL @ LOGAN	WATER COOLER	PLUMBING	Routine	Please repair drinking water coolers located adjacent to Library 212 and adjacent to room 202 (high and low).	28	3/30/2016

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2. Communicate with the parents and teachers regarding the drinking sources in the building before samples are collected.

A walkthrough was completed on Tuesday April 26th, 2016 which identified the drinking sources and water maintenance issues with the DCPS and parents in attendance. A list of these items was sent to the PTSO President, Vice President of CMHL, the Principal and parent Danica Petroschius.

3. When will the sink testing be done and provide a schedule?

We tested all drinking sources within Logan Capitol Hill on Wednesday April 27, 2016 by 7:30am. The results will be received in four business days. They will be shared with the Chancellor, the Principal and DCPS operations, who will subsequently share it with the school community.

4. Provide the best management practices to manage the lead in water program for DCPS and a testing schedule.

A kick-off meeting is planned to review the sampling protocol, schedule, building access and logistical issues. Our new protocol will be posted on the DGS website as soon as it is approved, likely by next week, and will outline future management practices.

5. Please be transparent in all communications to the Principal, parents and staff regarding the testing results.

All involved agencies and parent groups will be notified by DCPS of the results and the remedial actions as soon as they become available.

6. Who is responsible for the boilers and the mechanical systems within the school?

Spencer Davis is the Deputy Director of Facilities Management and is responsible for the boilers and mechanical systems.

7. When were the water fountains turned off, being specific as to the date?

DGS teams typically deploy and address water issues in less than a week. We are investigating the specific steps and related dates for each of these sources in order to provide more targeted dates for when those devices were turned off.

8. Provide better descriptions where the drinking sources are within the school and where the samples were collected.

Unique identifiers for each device, photographs and tag out device will be in place as part of the new protocol. We are also working with the vendor to create a standardized description for each device in the report, so that it can be more easily understood as to the specific location and status of each source.

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9. Provide signs to be placed on sources that tested above 15 ppb to ensure students do not drink the water.

A tag out device will be posted to sources tested above 15 ppb.

10. What were the missteps communicating to the Principal and parents?

DGS should have ensured DCPS, along with all parties, were notified as soon as the testing results were available. Going forward, a more comprehensive and proactive communications plan will be in place where a clear line of communication is established and followed.

11. Ensure the Principals are notified as soon as any drinking sources are above 15 ppb.

In the past, we did not have a structured, robust communications plan beyond posting results online; however, moving forward with our new protocol, we will ensure that all stakeholders are properly engaged in the process.

12. Test all drinking sources including the main plumbing line coming into the school.

All drinking sources will be tested in all DCPS public facilities. We will test the main plumbing line that enters the building and commence testing with the source device closest to the water main.

13. What is the best time to test the school for lead in water? Provide a schedule!

The best time for testing is in the early morning, when the water has not been used for six hours. Testing was completed at Logan on Wednesday, April 27th 2016 and the next scheduled testing will be completed in the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year (unless an elevated level is found in the remediation process, which would then include follow-up testing).

14. Notify Director Weaver and advise the parents want an apology from him as to missteps in the program communicating with the parents.

Director Weaver is very aware of each component of this issue and made a public apology during the Council Hearing on Friday April 22, 2016. He has committed the agency to better communication and is ensuring comprehensive information sharing by creating a new communications protocol that extends across all the involved agencies, DCPS and the school stakeholders.

15. Who is responsible for testing the students for lead levels?

DOEE is leading the effort and was at the school this morning providing children with blood screenings for lead.

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16. Ensure all schools are tested and test all drinking sources including the kitchen areas.

All schools are scheduled to be tested under the new protocols and will include all drinking sources, including the drinking and food prep water sources in the kitchen.

17. Provide a lead in paint assessment for Logan?

The lead in paint risk assessment results were received on April 27th, 2016. The report is being reviewed and the results will be shared on May 3rd.

18. What is the modernization process and where is Logan?

DCPS is the responsible agency for leading the modernization process. We are working with DCPS regarding the timing of the Logan modernization and we will share more information on May 3rd.

19. Provide a chart, excel format regarding the lead in water plan for Logan?

Historically we received results in a PDF format from our outside source. Going forward, we will receive the test results in an Excel format. We will share those files with stakeholders in the next two weeks.

20. Monthly meetings are requested going forward.

We can commit to monthly meetings through the end of June. We do not foresee the need for regularly scheduled meetings beyond that; but will ensure proper communications are managed going forward.

21. DCPS has to provide better communication to the Principal, parents and staff.

A new protocol is being put in place that will ensure better communication between all stakeholders and parent groups/the community.

22. Provide all answers to the questions before the next meeting which is schedule for April 27, 2016.