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**Michael L. Wright**  
**Superintendent**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On January 3, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) launched a proactive statewide public school drinking water lead screening program for more than 1,000 schools in Arizona. The purpose of this program is to ensure that our school children have access to safe drinking water facilities by screening water facilities for lead and when necessary, immediately taking action to correct any issues identified through the screening process.

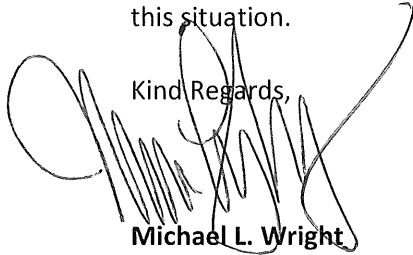
Recently a screening of select drinking water sources at the Blue Ridge School District was completed. As a result, we learned from ADEQ that a samples collected at Blue Ride High school in the auto shop and old boardroom areas contained traces of lead. The school's water sources are safe. We are taking this extremely seriously and have instituted the following ADEQ precautions: We have turned off the water at each of the failed sources and will continue to perform tests regularly.

Here's what you need to know:

- The school's water is safe for drinking, hand washing, cleaning and toilet use. We will keep you informed of additional information as it becomes available;
- Drinking water is not a common source of lead poisoning in Arizona. Common sources of lead poisoning in Arizona include lead paint, imported spices, imported glazed pottery and home remedies.
- The goal of the ADEQ screening program is to reduce lead exposure from drinking water in schools. Children may be exposed to other potential sources of lead in their homes. To learn more about common sources of lead in Arizona, please visit the Parent Portal on the ADHS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at [azhealth.gov/lead](http://azhealth.gov/lead).

We are currently working to identify the repairs that are needed to bring all water sources to appropriate levels. We will keep you updated on our progress and informed throughout the process.

The health, safety and welfare of our students and staff remains a top priority. We recognize that this is a matter of great importance, I am available to answer your questions. My phone number is 928-368-6126, extension 1101. If I do answer, please call the same number and ask to speak to my assistant, Mary Ford, ext. 1100. Thank you for your patience as we work to resolve this situation.



Kind Regards,

**Michael L. Wright**

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Attachment: Blue Ridge Unified School District Screening Program Results and Resources

Blue Ridge High School

<b>Sample Collection Date</b>	<b>Sample Location</b>	<b>Type of Fixture</b>	<b>Sample ID Number</b>	<b>Screening Result (in ppb)</b>
Feb	BRHS Auto Shop	Sink & water spinet	1009	Exceeds
Feb	Old Boardroom	Sink	1021	Exceeds

For screening program updates and helpful health resources information, visit the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) public school drinking water screening program website: <http://azdeq.gov/LeadScreeningProg> and the Arizona Department of Health Services Parent Portal for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at [azhealth.gov/lead](http://azhealth.gov/lead)