

To: West Side Employees, Students, Volunteers, and Parents

Date: February 20, 2015

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## **West Side Union School District Failure to Meet Treatment Requirements**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. **Although this incident was not an emergency**, we are required to inform our water users about what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to disinfect our drinking water source from the school's well. On December 1–2, 2014 we did not meet one of our treatment requirements to provide sufficient levels of disinfectant within four hours of a low reading. This occurred because of a communication error between a district employee and our T1 water treatment operator. The District was notified of this monitoring error on February 10, 2015.

#### **What should I do?**

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

*Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

While we have not detected any evidence of contamination in, or other health threats to, our source water, we are still committed to restoring the required level of treatment to the water from the well to eliminate the threat of contamination.

- There is nothing you need to do. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on

ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

### **What happened? What is being done?**

School was not in session for Thanksgiving week, November 24-28. Over the break, an undetected water leak diluted our treatment. Upon return to school on December 1, the low chlorine reading was detected and a message was left for the T1 water treatment operator. The required adjustment was not made until December 3. The problem was resolved on December 3 when the chlorine was adjusted to the proper levels. The water leak has been repaired and communication between school and our T1 operator has been reviewed and corrected.

For more information, please contact:

Rhonda Bellmer, Superintendent/Principal at 433-3923 x12.

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).

This notice is being sent to you by:

**Parents email**

**Employees mail boxes**

**Public bulletin board**

**Website**

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