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Dear McKinley Parents and Staff:

At McKinley, the health and safety of students and staff is our top priority.

You may have seen recent news reports about elevated levels of lead at schools in San Ysidro and a subsequent story suggesting that schools built before 1986 could potentially have unsafe levels of lead in their drinking water.

At this time, there is no evidence or indications that there are unsafe levels of lead in the water supply at any of San Diego Unified's schools. As a precautionary measure, the district has taken the following steps to ensure that the water at all schools is safe and will continue to be safe in the future.

- The district has met with the City of San Diego's Public Utilities Department, our water provider, to inform officials of the district's intent to request lead testing at all school sites.
- The district and the Public Utilities Department are developing a plan to test lead levels in water at all district schools, starting with the 20 oldest elementary schools. Once testing is complete, the Public Utilities Department will share the results with the district.
- The process and test results from the 20 schools will form the basis of the plan to test all district schools. Testing across the district is expected to take about one year to complete.

I want to reiterate that at this time, there is no indication of unsafe levels of lead in our school's water system, and the district's testing is being done out of an abundance of caution. I will continue to monitor these efforts and will provide timely updates to our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

For more information on the district's plan, please contact the district safety office at [safetyoffice@sandi.net](mailto:safetyoffice@sandi.net), 858-627-7174 or visit <https://www.sandiegounified.org/drinking-water-sampling-1>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Ganderton".

Ms. Deb Ganderton  
Principal