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RE: Update on PFAS in Robinson Elementary Water

To our GHAPS Families,

Thank you so much for your patience and support this week as we work through the detection of PFAS in the water. Our student's safety is our utmost concern, and we've been working closely with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Ottawa County Department of Public Health and other local and state agencies to work through next steps.

As an update, the second test taken by MDEQ did confirm results from the first test, and found that Robinson Elementary School's water contained PFAS amounts above the Environmental Health Protection Agency (EPA) lifetime health advisory (LHA) level. All other schools in the district have been tested and no levels of PFAS have been detected.

Here are the next steps for Robinson Elementary:

- We'll continue to provide bottled water for drinking while the contamination source can be determined and a long-term solution is put in place. Hand-washing is safe from the tap.
- MDEQ is actively investigating the situation. At this time, MDEQ cannot say where the source of contamination is coming from.

If you are concerned about your child's exposure to PFAS and their health, please contact your family doctor. We've also provided resources below for more information.

Additionally, MDEQ has identified 25 residential homes to test drinking water wells. The 25 homes will be contacted by the Ottawa County Department of Public Health. If you have any questions about your own water, or would like to request a test, please visit miottawa.org/PFAS for more information, or call the MDEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 1-800-662-9278.

Again, the safety of all our students is our top priority. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact Superintendent Andrew Ingall at 616.850.5015. We will keep the website updated with the latest information on testing and resources at <http://ghaps.org/our-district/robinson-elementary-pfas-water-issue/>. Information can also be found on the Ottawa County Department of Health website : <https://www.miottawa.org/pfas/>

For information on PFAS, including possible health outcomes, visit these websites:

- State of Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website serving as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ASTDR) website including health information, exposure, and links to additional resources www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas

- United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) website including basic information, U.S. EPA actions, and links to informational resources www.epa.gov/pfas
- PFAS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Factsheet: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/pfasresponse/PFAS in Drinking Water 624844 7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/pfasresponse/PFAS_in_Drinking_Water_624844_7.pdf)
- Talking to Your Doctor Factsheet: [https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfc/docs/Talking to Doctor.pdf](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfc/docs/Talking_to_Doctor.pdf)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Ingall". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "A" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andrew Ingall
Superintendent