

# Mathews Local



## School District

4096 Cadwallader Sonk Rd. Cortland, OH 44410  
(330) 637-3500 Fax: (330) 637-1930 [www.mathews.k12.oh.us](http://www.mathews.k12.oh.us)

Russell McQuaide, Superintendent  
(330) 637-3500

Bradley Panak, Treasurer  
(330) 637-3500

August 31, 2018

Dear Currie Elementary Parents and Guardians,

I hope all is well with our Currie Elementary School families.

As you all are likely aware, the Currie Elementary School has had to address some issues linked to its drinking water system. As the Currie Elementary School is a public school, it is also a public water system. This means that the Currie water system is monitored or tested on a quarterly basis, and issues are reported to the public as prompted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA).

The second quarter report for 2018 reveals that Currie Elementary School has an arsenic level of 11 ug/L, which is the average over the last four quarters. The standard for arsenic is 10 ug/L.

As stated in the Drinking Water Notice, which you will find on the reverse side, we have submitted final plans to the Ohio EPA for a green water filtration system and are awaiting their approval. The documents were submitted on June 27, 2018.

Although the Drinking Water Notice states that no needed alternative water supply is needed (bottled water), the school district will continue to supply bottled water for students and staff until the new filtration system is in place and water tests show the arsenic levels to be below the 10 ug/L standard.

Please call me at the Board Office if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you have a great day!

Sincerely,

Mr. Russell McQuaide

# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## CURRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Has Levels of ARSENIC above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The average level of ARSENIC over the last four quarters was 11 ug/L. The standard for ARSENIC is 10 ug/L.

### What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

### What does this mean?

The levels detected do not pose an immediate risk to your health. Some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### What is being done?

We are investigating and taking the following necessary steps:

We will continue to restrict access to all drinking fountains, and we will continue to provide bottled drinking water to all students and staff. We have submitted final plans to the EPA for a green sand filtration system.  
We will continue to perform quarterly monitoring for arsenic according to the most recent monitoring schedule \_\_\_\_\_ to correct the problem as soon as possible.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

Contact Person: Russell McQuaide, Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_.

Phone Number: 330-637-3500 \_\_\_\_\_.

Mailing Address: 4096 Cadwallader Sonk Rd., Cortland, OH 44410 \_\_\_\_\_.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

Date Distributed: Posted August 31, 2018; Sent Home August 31, 2018

PWSID: OH7836712 Facility ID: 7859178

Monitoring Period: Second Quarter of 2018