

Information on Water Issue at Chino Valley Unified School District December 6, 2013

The attached letter was sent home to parents of students at the following schools on December 6, 2013:

- Anna Borba Elementary School (ES) (Chino)
- Butterfield Ranch ES (Chino Hills)
- Cal Aero Academy (Chino)
- Marshall ES (Chino)
- Rolling Ridge ES (Chino Hills)
- Magnolia Junior High School (JHS)
- Ramona JHS (Chino)
- Townsend JHS (Chino Hills)
- Woodcrest JHS (Ontario)
- Don Lugo High School (HS) (Chino)
- Chino Valley Adult School (Chino)
- Alternative Education Center (Chino Hills)



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Dear Parents and Guardians of Students Attending and Staff Members of Rolling Ridge Elementary School:

Chino Valley Unified School District Board Policy 7160(a) states:

"The Board of Education believes that all students should have access to adequate facilities that are safe and support student learning."

Accordingly, on October 28-29, 2013, the Chino Valley Unified School District ("District") proactively had the California Department of Public Health Certified, Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino, Inc. test the drinking water quality at all of its school sites, including the Rolling Ridge Elementary School site. The results of the testing were received December 6, 2013 and they indicated that drinking water from certain fixtures at Rolling Ridge had a presence of lead above the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") "action level" of 15 parts per billion. The EPA defines "action level" as the point at which treatment techniques should be initiated to reduce risk factors for lead.

Immediately upon learning of the water testing results, the District shut the suspect fixtures and drinking fountains off and has provided bottled drinking water for Rolling Ridge's students and staff.

The District is now engaged in the process of conducting further water testing with the Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino to test the drinking water throughout the entire school site and an action plan will be put together to immediately address and remedy the issue.

The Lead Safe Schools Act (Education Code sections 32240-32245) requires schools to be screened and sampled for lead contamination. Section 32243(a) requires a school to notify parents of the provisions of *The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 1991* and of any finding that the school has been determined to have had significant risk factors for lead.

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 1991 may be found at:

http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=103.&title=&part=5.&chapter=5.&article=

Respectfully,

Wayne M. Joseph,
Superintendent