

# ZIONSVILLE

— COMMUNITY SCHOOLS —

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Dear ZCS Nation:

A major area of our commitment to school safety for students, staff, parents, volunteers and visitors involves various safety inspections that often go unnoticed. These include inspections of playgrounds, bleachers, boilers (and other HVAC equipment), and more. As part of our overall facilities plan, Zionsville Community Schools takes a proactive approach to facilities monitoring and management.

Following national attention about the Flint, Michigan water crisis in 2016, ZCS leaders partnered with local company, 120WaterAudit, to establish protocols for water quality testing in all schools. We started at Eagle Elementary School, our oldest building in the district. At that time, we made a few minor adjustments and results demonstrated full compliance with EPA standards.

Shortly after the water audit at Eagle Elementary, ZCS learned that the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) would be offering, at no charge to the school corporation, water testing to schools who qualified for the program. ZCS was selected to participate in the water sampling program for public schools during the 2017-2018 school year.

Our initial testing partner, 120WaterAudit (a Zionsville based entrepreneurial effort), was selected to organize the sampling process for this state wide initiative. More than 57,000 samples were collected from 915 school buildings statewide, including all Zionsville Community Schools buildings. The process followed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, testing multiple areas throughout each building. In total, 876 fixtures were tested throughout ZCS. There were 30 fixtures that were slightly elevated, and all were replaced before school began. All sampling results for this project can be found at <https://www.in.gov/ifa/2958.htm>.

We will continue to monitor our facilities and take a proactive approach to student health and safety. In Zionsville Community Schools, this is one of the many ways we are continuously striving to be "*Strong in Every Way.*"

Thank you to parents for partnering with the Zionsville Community Schools.

Sincerely,



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