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Mathew Sam  
Detroit Public Schools  
1601 Farnsworth  
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SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO: mathew.sam@detroitk12.org

**SUBJECT:     Drinking Water Screening Report-DRAFT  
                  Academy of the Americas - High School  
                  2635 Howard Street  
                  Detroit, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Sam:

ATC Group Services, LLC (ATC) is pleased to submit this Drinking Water Screening Report for the subject school. The drinking water samples collected from the school were submitted to Pace Analytical Services, LLC, for Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Drinking Water Certified lead and copper analysis.

#### **SCOPE OF WORK**

At the request of the Detroit Public Schools (DPS), ATC collected drinking water samples as a general screening for copper and lead at the subject school. The water sampling conducted included the sampling of fixtures within teacher's lounges, kitchens, water fountains and pre-k classrooms. One (1) sample was collected at each outlet: a first draw (Primary) sample. The Primary samples were collected from outlets that had been inactive for a minimum of eight to eighteen hours. The fixture inventory locations including the sample locations are shown on the Fixture Inventory Locations Map included under Attachment A and fixture inventory photos including the sample location photos are included in a Fixture Inventory Photo Log under Attachment B.

The drinking water samples were collected in 125 milliliter, wide-mouth sample containers, containing nitric acid (preservative). Each sample container was labeled utilizing a unique coding system that identified: the type of drinking outlet sampled as well as the location.



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The samples were transported under chain of custody to Pace Analytical Services, LLC, located at 5560 Corporate Exchange Ct. SE Grand Rapids, MI for MDEQ drinking water certified lead and copper analysis, using analytical method EPA 200.8 rev 5.4.

**FINDINGS**

Analytical results indicate that none of the samples analyzed were above the EPA recommended limits of 15 micrograms per liter (ug/L) for lead. None of the samples analyzed were above the EPA recommended limits of 1300 micrograms per liter (ug/L) for copper. The table below summarizes the analytical results for the samples submitted. The laboratory analytical reports and chain of custody are provided in Attachment C.

Table 1 – Water Testing Results (August 3, 2018)

Sample Number	Location	Description	Total Lead (ug/l)	Total Copper (ug/l)
1-Hall@108-B-1	Hall near room 108	Bubbler - Left	<1.0 ug/L	296 ug/L
1-Hall@108-B-2	Hall near room 108	Bubbler - Right	<1.0 ug/L	374 ug/L
2-Hall@206-B-3	Hall near room 206	Bubbler - Left	<1.0 ug/L	434 ug/L
2-Hall@206-B-4	Hall near room 206	Bubbler - Right	<1.0 ug/L	331 ug/L
2-206-KF-5	Room 206 (staff lounge)	Kitchen Faucet	2.1 ug/L	235 ug/L
3-Hall@304-B-6	Hall near room 304	Bubbler - Left	<1.0 ug/L	326 ug/L
3-Hall@304-B-7	Hall near room 304	Bubbler - Right	<1.0 ug/L	446 ug/L
1-112-KF-8	Room 112 (kitchen)	Kitchen Faucet	1.5 ug/L	169 ug/L

Key: NA - Not Analyzed

ug/L- micrograms per liter /parts per billion (ppb)



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Analysis of samples indicates that all samples are within proper MCL range in regards to both lead and copper. See recommendations below.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

For drinking water fixtures that exceed the MCL after the initial sampling, ATC recommends the following:

1. Implement a plan in accordance with MDEQ Guidance on Drinking Water Sampling for Lead and Copper, April, 2016 Version2; OR
2. Remove fixture from service.
3. Implement a flush plan for fixtures that exceed the MCL of the initial sample according to MDEQ Guidance and the EPA's 3T's for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools.

## LIMITATIONS

The sampling and analysis completed was: a preliminary screening for lead and copper only, to assess lead and copper concentrations (ug/L) at drinking water outlets in the school designated as high use by DPS, and may not be representative of all drinking water outlets within the school. If lead or copper concentrations were identified above their respective MCL's at any of the drinking water outlets tested, further review of the plumbing system, fixtures affected, and testing may be completed to assess the source of the elevated levels of lead and/or copper, as well as, any other response actions deemed necessary by DPS.

Future drinking water evaluation and sampling in accordance with the recommendations may be predicated on applicable guidelines by the MDEQ or EPA and will be determined prior to developing a sampling plan for the school.

Sincerely,

**ATC Group Services, LLC**

Handwritten signature of Martin K. Gamble in black ink.

Martin K. Gamble  
Senior Project Manager

Handwritten signature of Robert C. Smith in black ink.

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Building Science Department Manager

Attachments



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Attachment A: Fixture Inventory Locations Map/Form

Attachment B: Fixture Inventory Photo Log

Attachment C: Laboratory Analytical Report