



Rockford Public Schools

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Dear Rockford parents and Cannon Township residents:

On July 31, 2018, the MDEQ tested the water quality at Crestwood, Cannonsburg, and Lakes elementary schools as well as East Rockford Middle School. The elementary schools continue to essentially demonstrate no PFAS.

While the results of ERMS demonstrated no PFAS, a byproduct of PFAS known as MeFOSAA was detected at 15 parts per trillion (ppt). MeFOSAA was not detected at the elementary schools. To verify the accuracy of the July 31 results, a second sample has been taken of the water at East Rockford Middle and those results will be shared once they are received in the next several weeks.

Because MeFOSAA is a byproduct of PFAS, the MDEQ has published the finding as PFAS at 15 ppt. The EPA has long had a guideline of 70 ppt for PFAS. The MDEQ, the Kent County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Human Services, have told us that unlike PFAS, there are no federal or state guidelines and no known health risks regarding MeFOSAA. State and county officials and scientists have told us that no remedial measures are warranted, and that they will continue to monitor the levels.

Together, RPS and Cannon Township will continue to share information as we receive it.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

Steve Grimm, Supervisor
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For health-related questions, please contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) at 1-800-648-6942 or visit one of the websites below.

- 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