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Water at Wahkiakum Schools is Good to Drink

Much has been in the news of late regarding lead in water at schools across the nation. While there is no requirement that schools have their water tested, administrators for Wahkiakum School District thought it made perfect sense to have their water tested. "After all, student and staff safety is of paramount importance and parents should be assured their children are not being exposed to unacceptable levels of toxin in the school water," said Wahkiakum School District Superintendent, Bob Garrett.

The District sent ten water samples to ALS Environmental in Kelso for analysis. All ten samples had results lower than the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended lead limit of 15 parts per billion. "As a matter of fact, eight of our samples had results less than 1 part per billion, and our highest result score was only 1.34 parts per billion," Garrett was quoted as saying.

Garrett said he was pleasantly surprised with the results given the age of our school buildings. He also credited the Town of Cathlamet for its ongoing efforts to provide high quality of water to its customers.

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