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Rep. Sargent: Statement on Reports of High Lead Content in Local Schools
Water in six Madison schools have higher lead levels than national standard

(MADISON) – Representative Sargent released the following statement on the Wisconsin State Journal's [article](#) regarding recent lead testing conducted in schools in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD):

"It's terrifying, quite frankly, that we're sending our children—I'm sending my children—to school every day where they could simply take a drink out of a drinking fountain which could cause serious damage and developmental consequences. Any lead is too much lead. Period."

The results of the tests conducted by MMSD indicated six Madison public schools have drinking fountains with lead content much higher than the national standard of 15 parts per billions. Two of the six schools reported to have higher lead levels—Blackhawk Middle School and Gompers Elementary school—are located in the 48th Assembly District.

"We are facing a serious problem here in our community and across our state. We cannot keep putting off this issue in the Legislature and I am committed to finding meaningful solutions to address the lead crisis in Wisconsin.

Representative Sargent is available for comment today and tomorrow. To schedule interviews, please contact Britt Cudaback at 308-440-2939.

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