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[Yesterday at 9:03am](#) ·

Aww, come on, [Ron Fonger](#)! Of all the lines replaced, only 4% have been tested. (Using the numbers you provided of 187 tested lines out of 4709 replacements.) This is how statistics are misused by the state to assert that they're doing well by Flint, and this is how they decide it's ok to stop testing.

You want a real story?

Look at the lead levels in the public schools after the fixtures were replaced. The state says that's a success story, too.

Unfiltered drinking water in the majority of elementary schools has lead levels exceeding 500ppb.

Aww, but all they had to do was put a filter on a school faucet that was classified as drinking water, and the lead level at that faucet went right down. So they proclaim victory and stopped testing. With full knowledge that the water coming from every un-filtered faucet could contain more than 500 ppb lead. (Most faucets in schools - in cafeterias and bathrooms - aren't classified as "drinking water" and are not filtered).

That'd be like saying it's all good in Flint if the prefiltered tap water was 500 ppb.

If you care about the children of Flint, and aren't manipulated into proclaiming false victories, you'll shift your focus to contamination that continues.

Or you don't,
or you are,
and you won't.

[98 percent of tested Flint homes with new water lines below lead threshold](#)

A home on Gibson Street registered 16 ppb, another on Kansas Avenue recorded 71 ppb and a third on Simcoe Avenue showed 4,275 ppb of lead.

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