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**Representative David Cook (R-8)**

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## **Representative David Cook Statement on Lead Discovery in Palo Verde Elementary School Drinking Water**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative David Cook (R-8) today released the following statement in reaction to news that water tested at Palo Verde Elementary School in Casa Grande by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) contained excess levels of lead.

**“It is imperative we expedite water testing moving forward to ensure our children have access to safe water while at school,”** said Representative David Cook. **“Alternative drinking water should be encouraged until each school is tested and determined safe. To alleviate concerns of parents I strongly encourage ADEQ to make available information regarding schools currently being tested and those that have already been tested and cleared.”**

This news comes less than a month after an ADEQ investigation of San Manuel High School discovered trace elements of lead in the school's water.

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