



Funding Michigan's Filter First Bills: The First in the Nation to Provide Safe School Drinking Water

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Lead is present in school plumbing, especially in buildings built before 2014

- ▶ Plumbing materials (pipes, fittings, and fixtures)
 - ▶ up to 8% lead through 2013
 - ▶ up to 0.25% lead beginning in 2014
- ▶ Lead solder (banned in 1988)
- ▶ Galvanized steel pipes
- ▶ Lead service lines, lead packed valves
- ▶ Plumbing materials not intended for drinking water use
- ▶ Pre-1988 drinking water coolers with lead-lined tanks



Photo: Birmingham Public Schools

Corrosion Control treatment reduces lead leaching but irregular water use in schools means it doesn't work as intended



2023-2024 Break Schedule

Aug. 28: **First Day of school, half day**

Sept. 1-4: **Labor Day Recess**

Nov. 23-24: **Thanksgiving Recess**

Dec. 22-Jan. 2: **Winter Break**

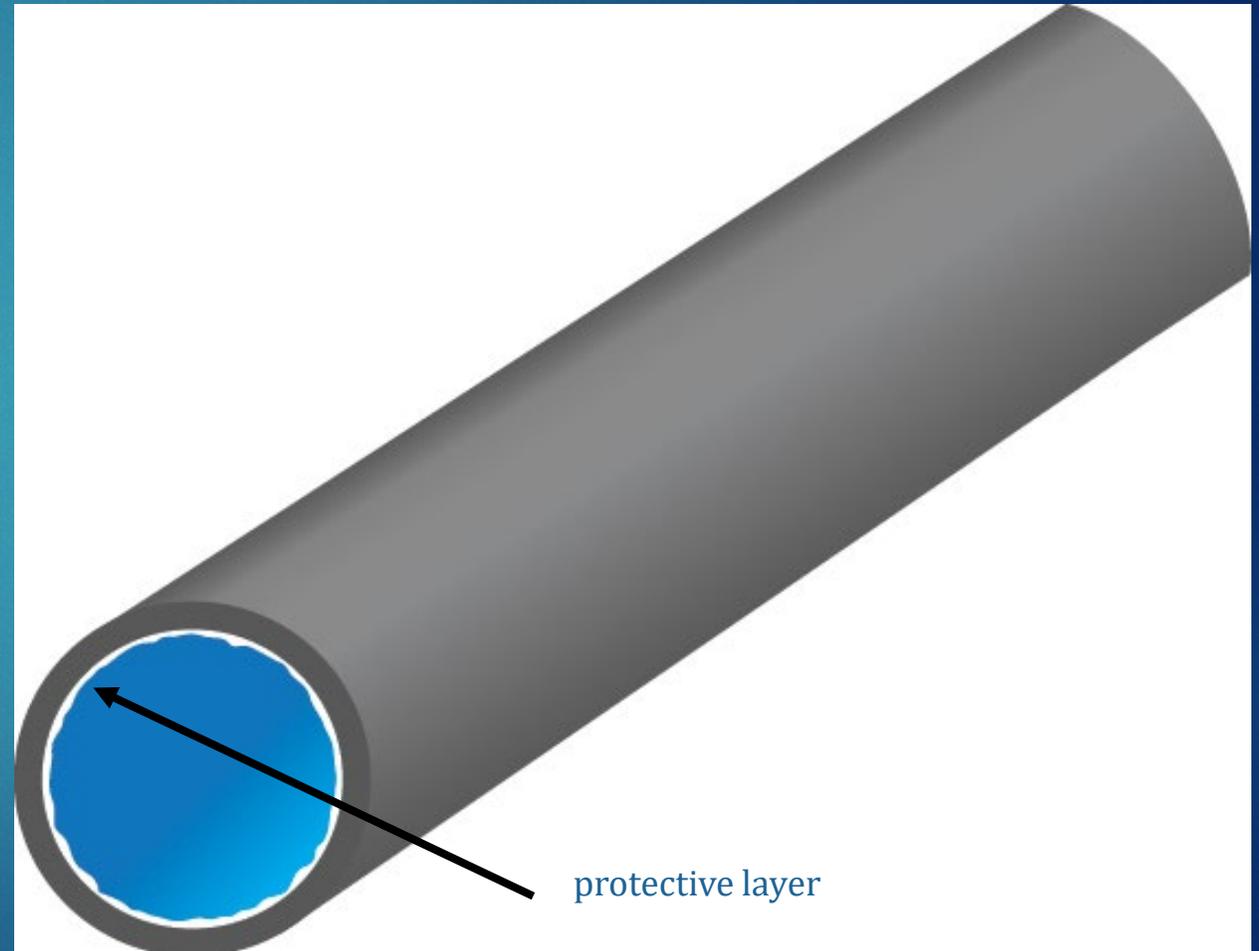
Jan. 15: **No School, MLK, Jr. Day**

Feb. 19-23: **Midwinter Break**

March 25-29: **Spring Break**

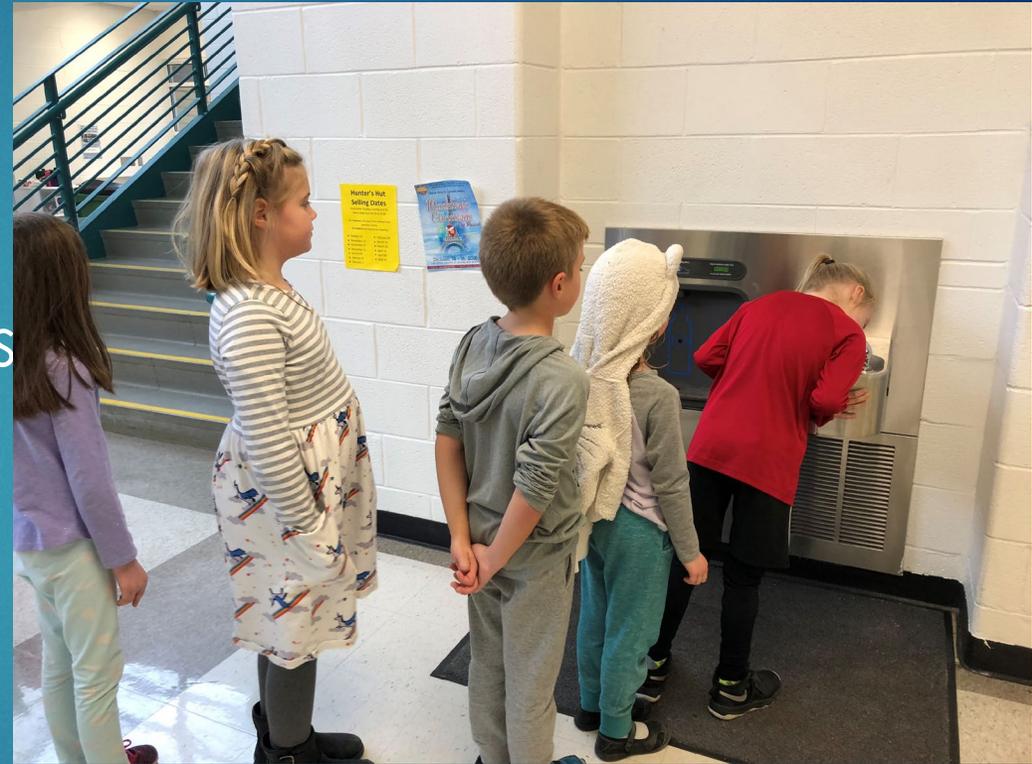
May 27: **No School, Memorial Day**

June 6: **Last Day of School**

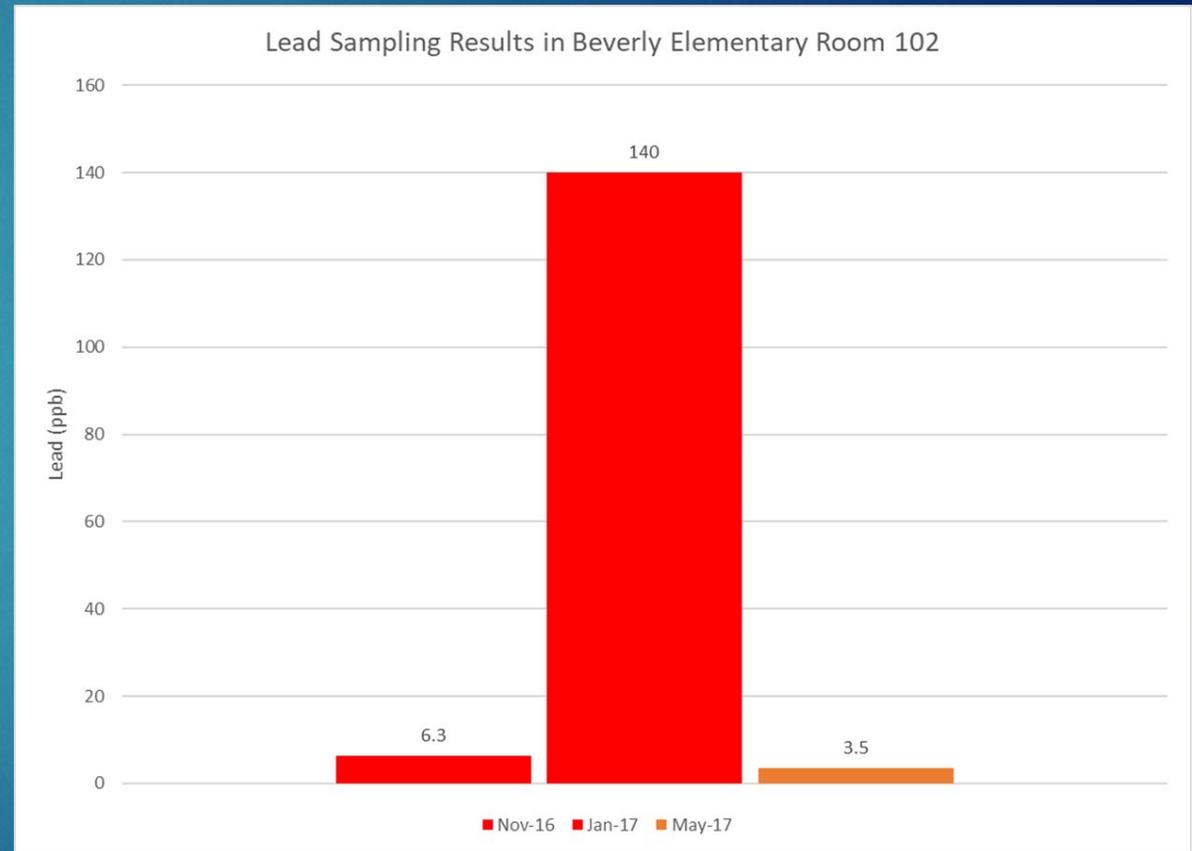
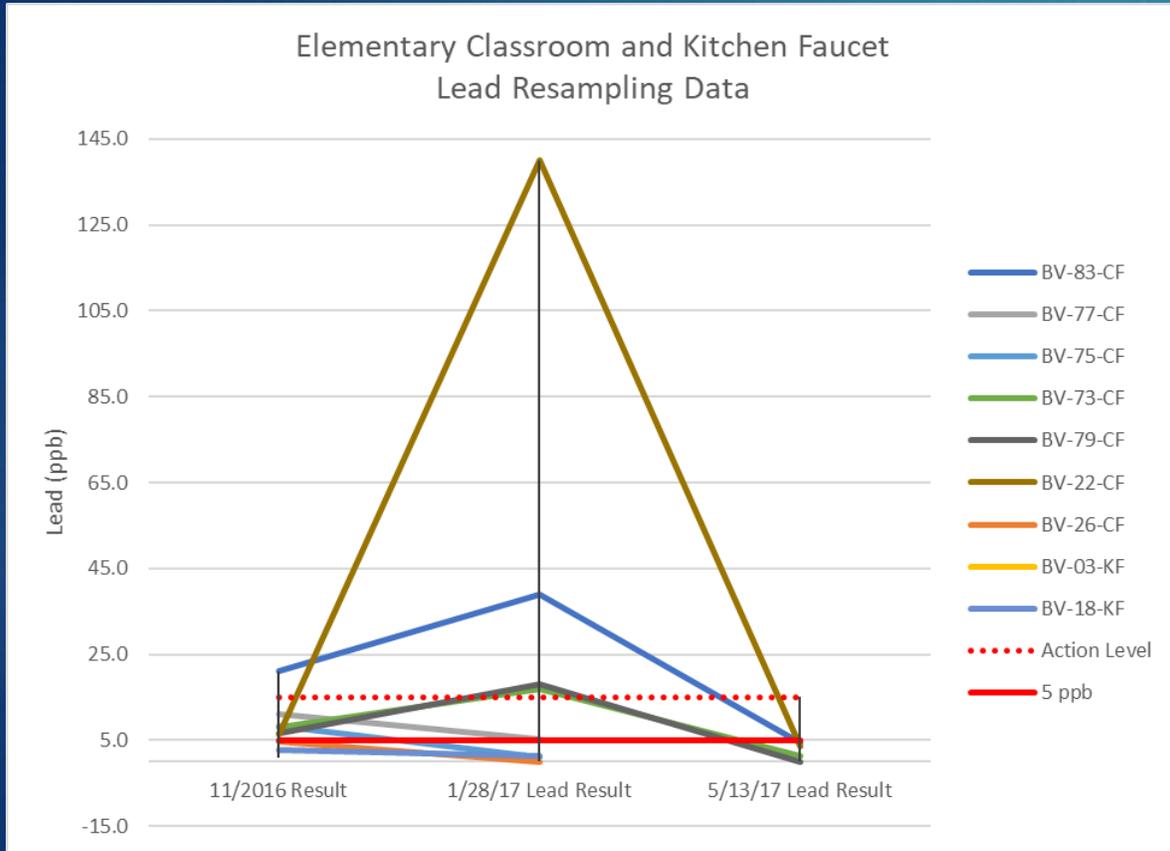


Why address lead in school drinking water?

- ▶ Lead is a potent irreversible neurotoxin
- ▶ Lifelong multigenerational impacts
- ▶ Young children are most vulnerable to lead exposure
- ▶ Lead has no useful purpose in the body
- ▶ Health effects from acute *and* chronic exposures



Test and Chase approach does not provide safe water



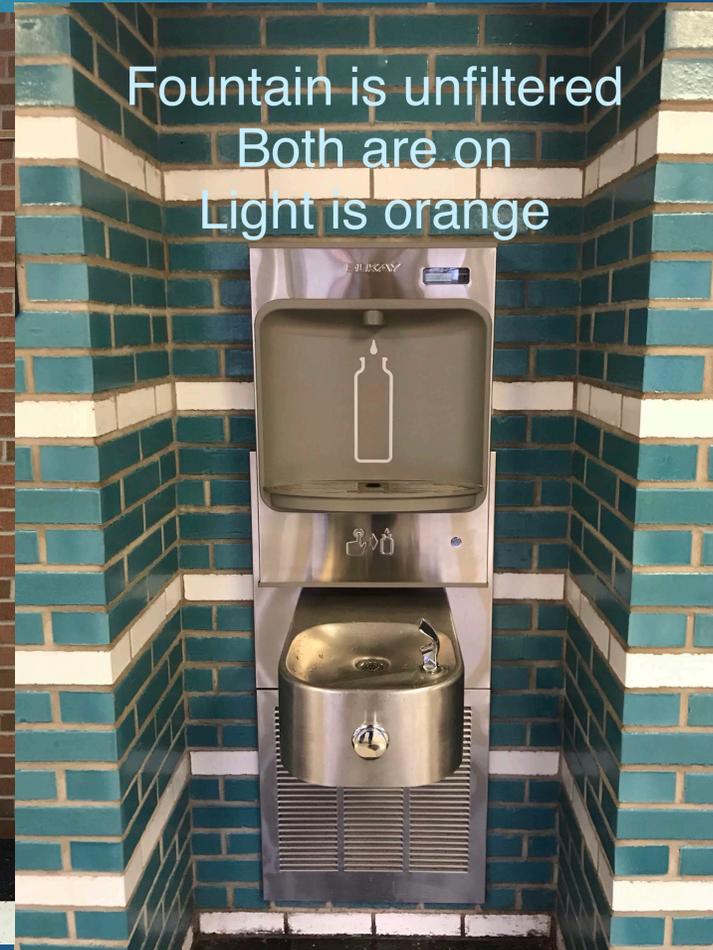
Data from Birmingham Public Schools, 2016-2017

Michigan's Filter First law provides safe drinking water first, then tests to verify filters are working.

- ▶ The bills require:
 - ▶ A drinking water safety plan for each school
 - ▶ Filter station installation and maintenance on designated drinking water sources
 - ▶ Filters certified to meet ANSI/NSF Standards 53 (lead removal) and 42 for particulate removal
 - ▶ Testing once per year after filters are installed
 - ▶ Remediation if filtered water still contains lead



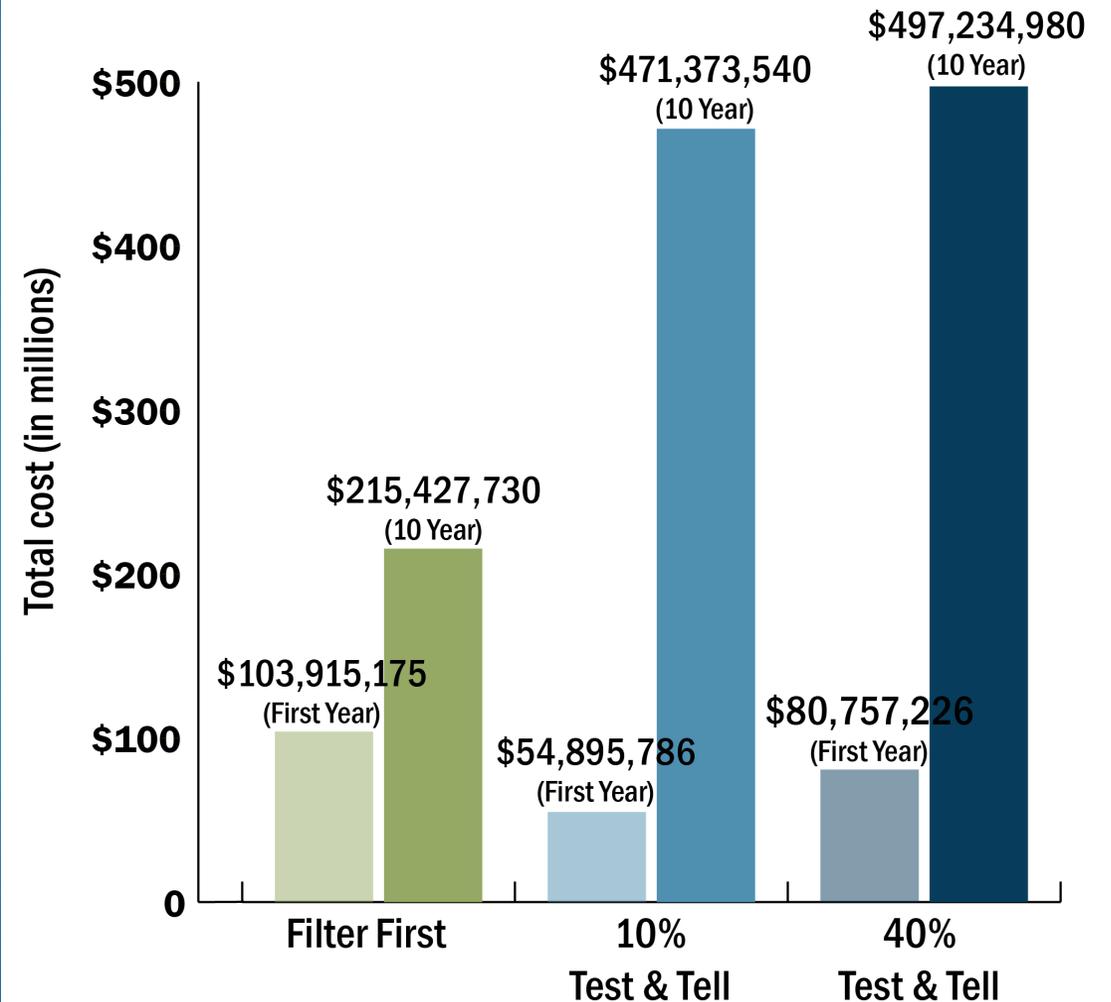
Requirements and best practices are needed to ensure filter stations are properly installed and maintained



Full Funding is Necessary
to Achieve Filter First
Requirements in Every
School

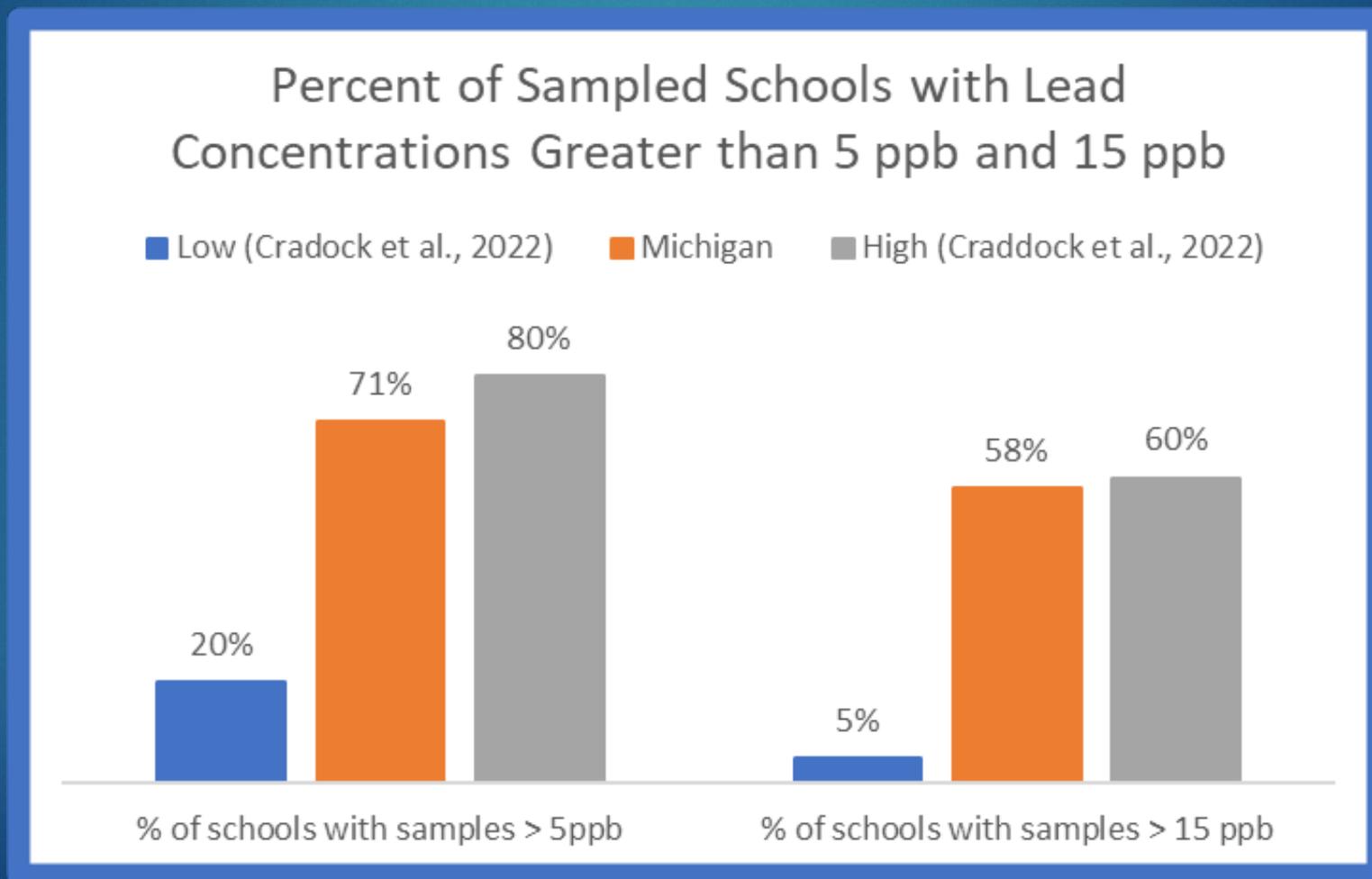
Michigan Projected Costs

Filter First versus Test & Partial Fixture Replacement



Voluntary Michigan School Lead Sampling Data 2020-2022

- ▶ 1,967 Michigan schools may have lead > 15 ppb
- ▶ 2,414 schools may have lead > 5 ppb
- ▶ 3,040 schools may have lead > 1 ppb



Beverly Elementary Installed summer 2019



All filtered samples collected after installing filter stations in the BPS school district meet the AAP Recommended Action Level of 1 ppb.

There is no detectable lead in any of the samples.