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Lead is a potent neurotoxin that impairs how our children develop, learn, and behave. Yet, according to [testing data](#) from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), more than 80% of the 62,557 taps tested at schools and child care centers throughout Massachusetts tested positive for lead.

In January 2020, Massachusetts launched the [School Water Improvement Grants \(SWIG\) program](#) to protect children from exposure to lead in drinking water at schools and child care centers. The SWIG program, funded by the [Massachusetts Clean Water Trust](#), is run by State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). While a [statewide health based lead level standard](#) for schools and childcare centers is needed to protect all children from lead in drinking water, the SWIG program offers an important tool in protecting children from lead in drinking water. Today, the program is available to public school districts, private schools and public and private early education facilities, and non-residential daycare facilities that have completed voluntary lead testing and reported their testing results to MassDEP's Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) program. Facilities can apply for grants to replace drinking water fountains, (bubblers) that have tested positive for lead.

Since SWIG was launched in January 2020, they have granted \$1,707,000 to pay for the purchase and installation of 569 filtered water filling stations in 66 school districts and child care centers. For more information about the program and how to apply see <https://www.mass.gov/school-water-improvement-grants>).

Districts	Fixtures	Grant Amount	Date Voted
Amherst Pelham Regional School	10	\$30,000	6/1/2022
Amherst Public Schools	8	\$24,000	04/29/2020
Amherst-Pelham Regional School District	2	\$6,000	04/29/2020

Arlington Public Schools	2	\$6,000	06/03/2020
Blackstone-Millville Regional School District	11	\$33,000	04/29/2020
Braintree Public Schools	9	\$27,000	04/29/2020
Canton Public Schools	11	\$33,000	04/29/2020
Christ Church Parish Day School	1	\$3,000	6/1/2022
Douglas Public Schools	2	\$6,000	04/29/2020
Easton Public Schools	2	\$6,000	11/2/2022
Easton Public Schools	1	\$3,000	04/29/2020
Fitchburg Public Schools	19	\$57,000	04/29/2020
Four Rivers Charter Public School	3	\$9,000	12/14/2022
Gardner Public Schools	13	\$39,000	04/29/2020
Giving Tree School	1	\$3,000	5/4/2022
Greenfield Public Schools	5	\$15,000	04/29/2020
Groton Dunstable Regional School District	2	\$6,000	04/29/2020
Hadley Public Schools	1	\$3,000	07/08/2020
Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District	2	\$6,000	3/6/2023
Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District	4	\$12,000	04/29/2020
Harbor City School	1	\$3,000	5/4/2022
Haverhill Public Schools	10	\$30,000	12/14/2022
Holyoke Community Charter School	8	\$24,000	5/4/2022
Holyoke Public Schools	5	\$15,000	04/29/2020
Hopkinton Public Schools	11	\$33,000	04/29/2020
Immaculate Conception School	2	\$6,000	1/11/2023
Lawrence Public Schools	6	\$18,000	04/29/2020
Leverett School District	2	\$6,000	7/12/2023
Little Ones Child Care of Sterling LLC	1	\$3,000	11/2/2022
Littleton Public Schools	2	\$6,000	04/29/2020
Longmeadow Public Schools	7	\$21,000	04/29/2020

Lowell Public School	3	\$9,000	5/4/2022
Lunenburg Public Schools	2	\$6,000	6/1/2022
Mansfield Public Schools	12	\$36,000	04/29/2020
Mariposa Child-Care Center Inc	1	\$3,000	10/5/2022
Maynard Public Schools	8	\$24,000	6/29/2022
Medway Public School	12	\$36,000	6/1/2022
Melrose Public School District	8	\$24,000	04/29/2020
Methuen Public Schools	5	\$15,000	04/29/2020
MetroWest Jewish Day School	1	\$3,000	6/1/2022
Middleborough Public Schools	7	\$21,000	04/29/2020
Mohawk Trail Regional School District	4	\$12,000	04/29/2020
My Little Best Friends Early Learning Center	1	\$3,000	11/2/2022
Nashoba Regional School	14	\$42,000	6/29/2022
New Bedford Public School	32	\$96,000	6/29/2022
New Salem-Wendell School District	2	\$6,000	04/29/2020
North Adams Public Schools	3	\$9,000	04/29/2020
North Andover Public Schools	7	\$21,000	06/03/2020
Our Future Learning Center Inc	4	\$12,000	2/8/2023
PACE Head Start	3	\$9,000	10/5/2022
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District	1	\$3,000	04/29/2020
Pittsfield Public Schools	18	\$54,000	07/08/2020
Quincy Public Schools	65	\$195,000	07/08/2020
Salem Public Schools	28	\$84,000	04/29/2020
South Hadley Public Schools	4	\$12,000	04/29/2020
Springfield Public Schools	70	\$210,000	5/3/2023
St Columbkille Partnership School	1	\$3,000	8/2/2023
St John the Evangelist School	3	\$9,000	1/11/2023
St Stanislaus Kostka School	2	\$6,000	4/5/2023
Torah Academy Inc	1	\$3,000	8/2/2023

Triton Regional School District	4	\$12,000	04/29/2020
Wachusett Regional School District	24	\$72,000	04/29/2020
Wakefield Public Schools	2	\$6,000	04/29/2020
Wareham Public Schools	1	\$3,000	04/29/2020
Worcester Public Schools	2	\$6,000	04/29/2020
Worcester Public Schools	50	\$150,000	6/29/2022
66 Grants	569 Fixtures	\$1,707,000	—