

July 7, 2017

Lindenwold Public School District

Dear Lindenwold School Parents, Guardians and Staff,

On July 13, 2016, the New Jersey State Board of Education (NJBOE) adopted new regulations regarding testing for lead levels in drinking water in all public schools throughout New Jersey. Regulations mandated that testing be performed within 365 days of the effective date. As our school district is committed to protecting the health of our students, teachers, and staff, we employed a company to test the drinking water at all of our facilities in relationship to the new established standards by the NJBOE. This is in addition to any general municipal or well water testing completed to the incoming potable water.

The new NJBOE established regulations requiring extensive testing of all our water source outlets used for consumption, including water fountains, sinks with attached fountain drinking bubblers, or sinks used in food preparation. Depending upon the results of the sampling, remedial measures may include, but are not limited to water flushing, fixture and/or valve replacement, pipe removal and/or general cleaning. We are directed as per the NJBOE regulations to implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with results greater than the lead action level of 15 ug/l [ppb] (parts per billion). These immediate measures may include disabling an outlet, unless it is determined that the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, signage will be hung to indicate that the water is not for consumption.

An outline of the testing results that exceeded the lead action levels are listed below. Based upon the technical guidance developed by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), we completed a plumbing profile for each of our facilities. We identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 140 samples taken, all but three (3) tested above the lead action level established by NJDEP for lead in drinking water of 15 ug/l [ppb] (parts per billion). The three (3) outlets are: one elementary classroom sink at School #4, the nurse's sink at School #5 and a classroom bubbler fountain at School #5. It is important to note that 98% of the samples taken throughout the district passed. All remediation is expected to be completed over the next several weeks.

All samples were taken from first draw, non-flowing conditions, as flowing conditions may result in non-detectable results. We are pleased to report that after receiving the flush tests results, all 3 locations were within the acceptable NJDEP standard for lead in drinking water. These results indicate that our remediation will focus at the faucets/drinking fountains, not facility piping or water source.

Sample results and remediation plan for outlets found over the NJDOE limit:

Sample #	Sample Location	First Draw Result in ugl(ppb)	Flush Result in ugl(ppb)	Interim Remedial Action	Corrective Action / Follow Up
1	LBOE-SCH4-207-SK-027	21.6	<2	Place sink out of service for consumption	Replace faucet / Re-test
2	LBOE-SCH5-NURSE-SK-027	18.6	2.88	Place sink out of service for consumption	Replace faucet / Re-test
3	LBOE-SCH5-100-DW-016	63.8	7.14	Place fountain out of service	Replace bubbler / Re-test

How Can I Learn More?

For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Kathleen Huder, Business Administrator at (856)783-0276 X 3102. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or refer to the Department of Environmental Protection's website at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-schools.html>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Moore
 Superintendent of Schools