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Dear Eatontown Public Schools Community:

Eatontown Public Schools is committed to protecting district students' and staff's health. As required by the Department of Education regulations, all drinking water outlets in our facilities must be sampled for lead within the next year. Over the course of this summer, Eatontown Public Schools acted promptly and conducted lead drinking water sampling for all four schools and district offices in compliance with state regulations.

Lead is rarely found in the source water; rather it enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the service line of interior plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome-brass faucets, and in some cases, pipes made of lead that connect buildings to water mains (service lines). Since 1986, all plumbing materials must be "lead free". The law currently allows plumbing materials to be up to 0.25 percent lead to be labeled as "lead-free". However, prior to January 4, 2014, "lead-free" allowed up to 8 percent lead content of the wetted surfaces of plumbing products including those labeled National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified.

As part of this process, Eatontown Public Schools developed a Lead Sampling Plan for the district and conducted a plumbing profile. The purpose of the profile was to identify all drinking water outlets and evaluate the plumbing materials of the school to determine if lead solder, lead pipes, or a lead service lines are present.

The district's lead sampling plan may be found on our website at www.eatontown.org under Notices and Forms.

As of this writing, all drinking water outlets have been sampled, tested, and in areas where levels were higher than the acceptable range remediated. Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Incorporated conducted the testing for the district. The results of this testing also can be found at www.eatontown.org under Notices and Forms. As per Department of Education regulations, those drinking water outlets tested that had a greater than the action level of 15 parts per billion have been posted on the district website and the community has been informed as well.

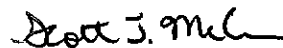
The testing of 124 drinking water outlets across the district yielded the following results:

- All school public water fountains tested within acceptable ranges as defined by state regulations.
- All tested drinking water outlets at Meadowbrook and Woodmere Schools were in acceptable ranges according to state regulations.
- At Memorial School and the Administrative Offices 27 drinking water outlets were tested and 5 were over the acceptable ranges. These drinking water outlets were in the Nurse's Office sink, Room 8B sink, Classroom 3, and two water fountains in the Administrative Offices. In response, the district placed a water filter on the Nurse's faucet designed to filter for lead, removed the bubbler in Room 8B and Classroom 3, and closed off the fountains at the Administrative Offices.
- At Margaret L. Vetter School, 32 water outlets were tested and 4 were above the appropriate levels according to state regulations. These drinking water outlets were in Classroom 4, Classroom 1, Classroom 3, and Classroom 16. In response, the district removed the bubbler from each of these drinking stations.
- It is important to note that most classrooms in the district have a sink and faucet. All of these areas were tested and remediated if necessary.

The district will continue to implement remedial measures for drinking water outlets with a testing result greater than the action level of 15 parts per billion in the future. Remediation will include turning off the drinking water outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "Do Not Drink – Safe For Hand Washing Only" sign will be posted. Drinking water outlets will be tested again in the future as per state regulations.

For more information about water quality in the schools, please contact Mr. Gardner Gilsey, Supervisor of Building and Grounds at 732-935-3349. 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,



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