



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Little Silver School District Community,

The State of New Jersey requires that school districts inspect for lead in our drinking water *every six years*. You may recall that I sent a letter in September 2018 indicating that we had every water source tested last year (2017-2018), and that we decided to test a portion of our water sources annually in order to test all sources in a rotation that is more frequent than the required six year inspection.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, school districts must implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a “DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY” sign will be posted.

Results of our Testing

At [Point Road](#), there are far more water fountains because all classrooms have their own sinks and water fountains. Of the **26** samples taken, all but **5** tested below the desired level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]). Therefore, five locations were of concern. Remedial action was taken immediately, and each of the five sources were retested in January.

The following table identifies the drinking water outlets at [Point Road](#) that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead in September as well as the results for the retesting that took place in January.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb) September 2018	Retest following remedial Action January 2019
Classroom 113 DW ID#P18-6537-06 (Mr. Hance)	20.1	ND - None detected
Classroom 105 DW ID# P18-6537-08 (Ms. Thompson)	22.9	ND - None detected
Classroom 111 DW ID# P18-6537-14 (Ms. Egidio/Mrs/ Zusack)	29.5	ND - None detected
Classroom 108 Sink Faucet ID# P18-6537-23 (Mrs. Cruz)	18.7	ND - None detected
Classroom 109 Sink Faucet ID# P18-6537-25 (Mrs. Savaiano/Mrs. Bballo)	19.9	1.53



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At **Markham Place**, of the **9** samples taken, all but **1** tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]), meaning one sample was of concern.

The table below identifies the drinking water outlet at **MP** that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead in September as well as the results for the retesting that took place in January.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb) September 2018	Retest following remedial Action January 2019
MP Gym Water Fountain outside of Boys' Locker Room ID# P18-6563-06	246	1.35

Please Note:

Each of the Point Road classrooms has a sink with a faucet for handwashing and a water fountain. See image below.

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection. For your convenience, the *Certificates of Analysis* can be accessed at <https://www.littlesilverschools.org/departments/buildings-grounds/index>. You will see that the Certificate of Analysis lists the sink faucet (“SINK”) and the water fountain (“DW”) as two different testing sites per location.



For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Rick Carlson at the Buildings and Grounds Department, 732-741-7112 ext. 3014.

For information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA’s Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

If you are concerned about lead exposure at this facility or in your home, you may want to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood.

Sincerely,

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