

Fair Lawn Public Schools

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Subject: Update on Lead in Water Testing

Dear Parents and Staff:

In the Spring of 2016 the school district contracted with ERM, an environmental company, to perform sample testing of the lead levels in the drinking water. In July 2016 the State of New Jersey passed additional requirements to N.J.A.C. 6A:26 which now includes mandatory testing in public school districts as well as a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and water sample plans. The school district has until July 2017 to comply and the prior testing will not meet the new regulations.

Mandatory testing at elementary schools and middle schools took place during February Break 2017. Testing results we have received to date can be found on each school website. Bergen Avenue building and Edison School test results are included on the District website. Also included is a link to information from the State of New Jersey regarding health effects with lead and information on school water sources.

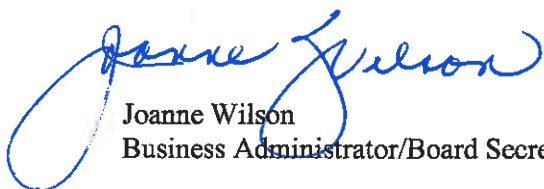
Remedial action was taken on all sources that exceeded the acceptable level of lead which is fifteen (15) parts per billion (ppb). The sources were taken out of service. Installation of filters is in process and a second round of testing will be performed once the process is complete. **(The second round, originally scheduled for Spring Break, has been deferred until all filters are installed.)**

The High School was sampled on March 12, and April 2, 2017. Results were received today and will be posted on the High School Website. Filters will be installed where necessary and a second round of testing will be performed at a later date.

More information on drinking water facts can be found at:

http://www.state.nj.us/health/ceohs/documents/dwf_lead_schools.pdf

Sincerely,



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