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Dear School Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, the Knowlton Township School District began testing our school drinking water for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, the District has implemented 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, providing an alternate water source, and leaving the outlet off until re-sampling shows results below the action level.

Results of our Testing

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for Knowlton Township Elementary School. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 11 samples taken, all but 3 tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead on a 1st-Draw sample, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action has been taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	Results (µg/l or ppb)	Remedial Action
Hallway - outside Room 23 (Bus Admin Office)	19	Outlet has been turned off and will not be used. Unit will be inspected and retested. Unit will not be returned to service until an acceptable sampling result is obtained.
Hallway - by bathrooms near to Main Office, left	20	Outlet has been turned off and will not be used. Unit will be inspected and retested. Unit will not be returned to service until an acceptable sampling result is obtained.
Hallway - by bathrooms near to Main Office, right	16	Outlet has been turned off and will not be used. Unit will inspected and retested. Unit will not be returned to service until an acceptable sampling result is obtained.

Water taps at the locations where sampling results exceed the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]) have been taken out of service. Some of these locations are in the process of or have been changed out with new water fixtures while the others remain shut off and out of service. None of these locations will be returned to active service until an acceptable sampling result for lead is obtained there.

For More Information

A copy of the test results is available in our business office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and are also available on our website at www.knowltonschool.com. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Michael Brennan, Business Administrator, at 908-475-5118 x206.

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

Sincerely,

Jeannine DeFalco
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