

# Riverside Township School District

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Dear Riverside School Community,

Four weeks ago, I wrote to you regarding the testing of our water for elevated levels of lead. As I stated, 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, we tested our schools' drinking water for lead. Of the 50 samples originally taken, all but three tested below the action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]).

The three sites were immediately taken out of use and were retested on February 23, 2017. The second test was slightly different in that the water was run for a specific period of time before the sample was collected (flush test). The reason for the different test is to determine whether it is the fixture or the piping beyond the fixture that is contributing to the lead contaminants.

## **Results of our Flush Testing**

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that originally tested above the 15 µg/l for lead, the first draw result, the flush test result, and the action we are taking. As you can see the flush results reveal a level below 15 parts per billion in each of the three faucets. As a proactive measure we are going to replace the three fixtures due to the first draw result and the age of the faucets.

<b>Sample Location</b>	<b>First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)</b>	<b>Flush Result in µg/l (ppb)</b>	<b>Action</b>
MS/HS Home Economics classroom sink ID # 7-MS-B-S-B01C-1	18.4	<2	Replace fixture.
MS/HS Home Economics classroom sink ID# 8-MS-B-S-B01C-2	18.7	<2	Replace fixture.

MS/HS Home Economics classroom sink ID# 12-MS-B-S-B01C-6	34.0	<2	Replace fixture.
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For More Information

A copy of the test results is available in our Board of Education office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and are also available on our website at [www.riverside.k12.nj.us](http://www.riverside.k12.nj.us). For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Robin A. Ehrich, Superintendent of Schools at 856-461-1255 ext. 1111.

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](http://www.epa.gov/lead), call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Sincerely,

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