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Dear Willingboro School District Parents, Guardians and Staff:

Willingboro School District is committed to protecting 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. Willingboro School District has scheduled the lead drinking water sampling for all buildings as listed below:

Schools	Date
Levitt	Saturday, March 25, 2017
J A McGinley	Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Bookbinder	Saturday, April 01, 2017
Stuart	Saturday, April 08, 2017
Hawthorne	Saturday, April 08, 2017
Twin Hills	Saturday, April 22, 2017
Garfield East	Saturday, April 22, 2017
W.R. James	Saturday, April 22, 2017
Memorial	Saturday, May 06, 2017
Country Club	Saturday, May 06, 2017
Willingboro High School	Saturday, April 29, 2017
Warehouse	Saturday, April 29, 2017

Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead?

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the body from drinking water or other sources. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years old. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At very high levels, lead can even cause brain damage.

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.

What Actions We Are Taking?

Prior to sampling, Willingboro School District developed a Lead Sampling Plan and conducted a plumbing profile for each school. The purpose of the plumbing 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 line are present.

Willingboro School District Lead Sampling Plan may be found on our website at <http://www.willingboroschools.org/>

All drinking water outlets in Willingboro School District will be sampled. We anticipate receiving the results from our laboratory within two weeks of sampling. Upon receiving the sample results, Willingboro School District will inform you if any of the drinking water outlets having a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]) and will post all of the results on our website at <http://www.willingboroschools.org/>. The results will be used to assist in the prioritization of future water testing for lead in accordance with Willingboro School District Lead Sampling Plan.

Willingboro School District will also implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (ppb). This will include 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.

How Can I Learn More?

For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Orlando L. Chandler at Willingboro School District at 609-835-8786 Ext. 7501. 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>.

Yours in education,



Dr. Ronald G. Taylor
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