GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Greenwich Township School District Community Members:

Over the recent November break, the Greenwich Township School District completed state-mandated lead testing of water in all of the potable water receptacles at Nehaunsey Middle School and Broad Street Elementary School. The results of the testing will be placed on our website within 24 hours of receipt and we have already posted the results for Nehaunsey Middle School. Updates will be added as we receive the results for Broad Street Elementary.

According to government guidelines, any water outlet that tests above 15 parts per billion for lead in the water must be remediated to minimize public exposure to lead. Our plan to reduce exposure to lead in the water includes:

- 1. Eliminating any unnecessary sink or "bubbler" (water fountain) that tested above the acceptable limit.
- 2. Placing signs on all affected sinks indicating that they are to be used for hand washing only as directed by the state standards
- 3. Replacing plumbing fixtures and/or installing localized filtration systems for any sinks that may be used for potable water

Beginning in 2016, we have replaced water fountains at Broad Street with filtered water stations that include both a traditional water fountain and a mechanism for filing individual water bottles. These stations have been in place at Nehaunsey Middle School since 2015.

We will continue to follow all health and safety guidelines as set forth by the State of New Jersey to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff. I encourage you to speak with your health care provider for additional information regarding the effects of lead. Additional information can be found http://www.state.nj.us/education/lead/faq.htm.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school district if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman

Superintendent, Greenwich Township School District

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