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Dear Parent/Guardian:

New Jersey law requires school districts to test for the presence of lead in drinking water. School districts have been given until June 30, 2022 to conduct this testing. Going forward, districts will be required to conduct follow up testing every three (3) years.

Recently, the Pompton Lakes School District conducted testing of all water fountains and kitchens in its schools. Testing also included Hershfield Park. While the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has not established a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for lead, they have established a treatment technique for samples that contain over 15 parts per billion (ug/L) for lead.

Recently our district conducted its testing. The district tested a total of seventy-six (76) different water sources. Two of the sources returned results over the 15 ug/L level, one from a source at the high school (40 ug/L) and one from Lincoln School (16 ug/L). Please see details below in reference to each source and the actions the district has taken:

PLHS – The water source was a bubbler on a sink in the high school’s art room. The bubbler is not typically used as a drinking water source. The fountain has been shut off and will be removed.

Lincoln School – The water source is a drinking fountain attached to one of the classroom sinks. This classroom is currently used as the school’s music room. The fountain and sink have been shut off and the district will be replacing the plumbing and then re-testing prior to reopening the sink/fountain.

Currently, every school in the district contains multiple water bottle filling stations. Aside from providing filtered water, these stations reduce the spread of germs and reduce plastic bottle waste.

Finally, please know the health and safety of our students remains our top priority. If you would like additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone (9073) 835-7100 ext. 1508 or by email: pamoroso@plps.org.

Sincerely,

Paul Amoroso
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