



STAFFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative Offices
250 North Main Street
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

www.staffordschools.org

George J. Chidiac
Superintendent

Daniel Smith
School Business Administrator
Voice: 609.978.5700 x1032
Fax: 609.597.4377

"BUILDING A BETTER WORLD ONE STUDENT AT A TIME"

September 15, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you and your students are settling into the new school year and have found your school facility prepared properly for the opening of school on September 6th. As you may have read or heard recently; the State of New Jersey, Department of Education adopted new regulations concerning lead testing of all water supplies throughout all New Jersey public schools. The Stafford Township School District was proactive with the implementation of this measure and completed all water testing prior to the new regulations being adopted by the Department of Education.

The district is responsible to do the following concerning the results of lead water testing:

- Present the results and remediation plan for approval to the Board of Education
- Post all test results publicly on the district's website and at each school facility
- Notify parents and guardians of all students in school facilities that had a positive test result
 - List measures taken to end use of the drinking water outlet in question
 - List measures taken to provide an alternative drinking water outlet
 - Inform parents and guardians on the health effects of lead

The district secured 178 water samples for testing, and eight samples tested positive for lead. It is important to note that all of the fixtures in food preparation areas passed the strict testing guidelines. Below is a listing of the eight failed samples:

Oxycocus School

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Location: | Water fountain, near Room 33 |
| Measures taken: | Water supply to fountain disconnected |
| Alternate Water Outlet: | Students may utilize an adjacent hallway fountain |
| Remediation: | New, lead free filters will be installed on the fountain |

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Location: | Water fountain, Gym |
| Measures Taken: | Water supply to sink disconnected |
| Alternate Water Outlet: | Students may utilize an adjacent hallway fountain |
| Remediation: | New, lead free filters will be installed on the fountain |

Primary Learning Center

No failed samples.

Ocean Acres Elem School

Location: Room A10, Sink with bubbler
Measures taken: Water supply to sink disconnected
Alternate Water Outlet: Students may utilize a hallway bubbler
Remediation: New, lead free faucet will be installed in Room A10

Location: Room 201, Sink with bubbler
Measures Taken: Water supply to sink disconnected
Alternate Water Outlet: Students may utilize a hallway bubbler
Remediation: New, lead free faucet will be installed in Room 201

Location: Room 302, Sink with bubbler
Measures Taken: Water supply to sink disconnected
Alternate Water Outlet: Students may utilize a hallway bubbler
Remediation: New, lead free faucet will be installed in Room 302

McKinley Avenue Elem School

Location: Room 88, Sink with bubbler
Measures Taken: Water supply to sink disconnected
Alternate Water Outlet: Students may utilize a hallway or adjoining classroom bubbler
Remediation: New, lead free faucet will be installed in Room 88

Stafford Intermediate School

Location: Room 214, Sink with bubbler
Measures taken: Water supply to sink disconnected
Alternate Water Outlet: Students may utilize a hallway bubbler
Remediation: New, lead free faucet will be installed in Room 214

Location: Library Media Room, Sink
Measures Taken: Water supply to sink disconnected
Alternate Water Outlet: Students may utilize a hallway bubbler
Remediation: New, lead free faucet will be installed in the library

District-Wide

Follow-up Test: Lead testing will take place within 45 days of new faucet/filter installation
Overall Test: The district will re-test all school facilities in the spring of 2018

Please feel free to visit the State of New Jersey, Department of Health website for more information on the health effects of lead at the following address:

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/newborn/lead.shtml>

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached at 609-978-5700 ext. 1001.

Sincerely,

Mr. George J. Chidiac
Superintendent of Schools