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Dear Staff, Parents, and Students,

New Jersey schools are not required or expected to test their water for lead content. However, reports of high levels of lead in several New Jersey schools have been a cause for concern. As a result, the district recently ordered water testing to be conducted by a private environmental testing company.

Again being pro-active, while waiting for the results to come in, we installed water bottle filling stations at each elementary school (we already have water bottle filling stations at the middle school and high school) and put lead filtration systems on all Kindergarten fountains in the classrooms.

Suez previously tested our water as it enters the school buildings. Lead levels were registered below the Environmental Protection Agency's acceptable limits of 15 parts per billion.

Our private environmental testing company tested water fountains throughout the schools and faucets used in kitchens. Elevated levels were found in 5 locations at the middle school, one location at Stillman, one location at Smith and at the Snack Shack by Geissinger Field. All other locations – THS, Mackay, Maugham, the Field House and Central Office came back with no issues.

On Saturday, immediately after receiving the results, our maintenance department put additional lead filtration systems on all affected fountains so that all fountains can be used for students and staff this morning. We also plan on testing our water, in addition to what Suez does, every year.

The following areas were found to be in need of remediation:

Tenafly Middle School

- Kitchen sink
- Water fountain in the hallway outside of room 201
- Water fountain in the hallway outside of room 206
- Water fountain in the hallway outside of room 212
- Water fountain in the hallway outside of room 218

Stillman Elementary School

- Water fountain in the hallway outside of room 114

Smith Elementary School

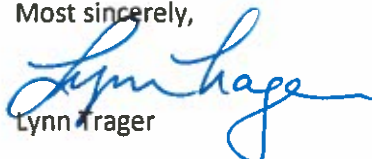
- Water fountain inside room 13

Snack Shack

- Sink

Student safety is our primary concern and we encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter. For additional information about lead and lead exposure, please reference the [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#).

Most sincerely,



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