

February 7, 2016

Buildings and Grounds Department
Trenton Central High School West
1001 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Trenton Central High School West Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. As you know, to protect our community and to be in compliance with the NJ Department of Education regulations, Trenton Public Schools tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead?

High levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems, especially in pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years old. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance.

We identified and tested all water outlets used for drinking and food preparation at Trenton Central High School West. Of the 21 samples taken, all but 8 tested below the action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

Is Our School's Drinking Water Safe?

Yes, our schools' water is safe. Trenton Public Schools identified eight (8) outlets at Trenton Central High School with lead levels above the EPA action level. Four (4) classroom bubblers and one (1) hallway bubbler were removed, and one (1) sign was posted indicating "Hand Wash Only". One (1) water fountain was replaced and re-tested. The plumbing fixture was replaced with a lead-free fixture and the water was retested to ensure that the problem was fixed. The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above 15 µg/l, the corrective action taken, and the retested lead levels.

Sample Location	Remedial Action	Retest--First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)
Bubbler Water Fountain in Hallway by Room A27	Replaced	<2.00
Bubbler Water Fountain in Hallway by Room B47	Removed Fountain	N/A
Left Sink in Kitchen	Posted Sign Hand Wash Only	N/A
Bubbler Water Fountain in Classroom A71	Removed Bubbler	N/A
Bubbler Water Fountain in Classroom A75	Removed Bubbler	N/A
Bubbler Water Fountain in Classroom A76	Removed Bubbler	N/A
Sink in Classroom A72	Removed Bubbler	N/A
Slop Sink in Boiler Room	Not Used for Drinking or Cooking	N/A

For More Information

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Mr. Dwayne Mosley at the Buildings and Grounds Department 609 656-4862.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lucy Feria, Interim
Superintendent of Schools