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Dear Parents and Guardians,

With recent reports of lead contamination in public school systems in New Jersey, I am providing some information on the district's water systems and management protocols for our four school locations.

**Three Bridges, Holland Brook, and Readington Middle School:**

Three Bridges, Holland Brook, and the Middle School's drinking water is supplied by wells on school property. These systems are considered non-transient, non-community water systems and are subject to the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule requirements. In an effort to reduce high lead and copper levels, along with other contaminants, the district has the following protocols in place to ensure water quality and adherence to regulations.

- Water quality parameter monitoring by a contracted compliance consultant and licensed water system operator.
- Annual inspections by the county health department, and the NJDEP.
- Required sampling and laboratory testing of water as per EPA requirements. ***Current water sampling and testing results for these schools have passed all EPA requirements.***
- Corrosion control treatment to adjust alkalinity, and hardness of the water.
- Regular flushing of building plumbing systems after repairs, or extended periods of non-use.
- Ongoing repair/replacement of plumbing piping, fittings, or fixtures.
- In the event we exceed action level parameters, notices and information to the public would be posted. Additional water sampling would be implemented until parameters are within limits.
- If contaminants in the water system were to exceed unhealthy levels, the water source would be shut off, and an alternate supply of water would be provided until the issue is resolved.
- All records of water sampling test results and system information are kept in a central file located in the facilities office, and copies are posted in the main office of the school. They are public records and available for review. The information is also reported to the NJDEP and available on their website.

**Whitehouse School:**

Whitehouse School's drinking water is provided by the NJ American Water Company, a public community system which provides water for Hunterdon, Mercer, and Somerset Counties. Since this is a public community water system, NJ American Water is responsible for the quality and treatment of its water supply and adhering to the EPA's lead and copper rule requirements. With this in mind, routine sampling and testing of the water was not completed or required for the school in the past.

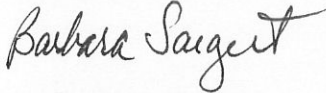
In a proactive approach, the following protocols will be implemented at Whitehouse School:

- Water sampling and testing for lead and copper has been scheduled and test results will be made available when received.
- A corrosive treatment program will be implemented if results show elevated levels of lead or copper.
- If elevated levels are detected, the affected locations will be shut off until the issue is resolved.
- Ongoing repair/replacement of plumbing piping, fittings, or fixtures.
- Regular flushing of building plumbing systems will continue after repairs, or extended periods of non-use.

- Building water test results and information will be placed in a central file and posted in the main office of the school.

Water quality information will be posted on the Facilities page of the district website. We know this is an important health matter and encourage you to reach out to any of us for further information.

Sincerely,



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