

# WANAQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents:

Please accept this correspondence in furtherance of the lead testing status on the water fountains in both buildings. Please click on the following link for the results of all water testing to date. ([Click here](#)) We have completed several remedial measures including replacing filters, screens, faucets, and bubblers, but to date, levels are still at or above the recommended 15 ppb in some areas of both buildings.

At Wanaque School, faucets in three (3) classrooms remain at levels at, or above 15 ppb. All three (3) classrooms are within the same primary wing of the School. Although only three (3) rooms remain affected, drinking water access has been shut off to every classroom sink and bubbler in the primary wing. Additional remediation strategies are in process, which include replacing pipes and installing water fountains with a lead filtering system.

At Haskell School, one hallway water fountain remains at a level over 15 ppb. No other water fountains or sinks in that section of the building appear affected and it appears limited to the one fountain. We will continue to keep this fountain closed off until it can be replaced.

In conclusion, until we reach a point where we are certain that the levels are well under the recommended 15 ppb, we will continue to provide bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes. The kitchen will continue to send all non-disposable utensils and pans to Haskell School for washing purposes.

As soon as the installation of the remedial measures stated above are completed, those areas will be tested again. We will continue to keep you apprised of this situation as it is received.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to do all that we can to correct this situation.

Sincerely,

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