



WATCHUNG

BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community Members,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be compliant with the Department of Education regulations, the Watchung Borough School District tested our schools' drinking water for lead in November 2021.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, the district implemented immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 $\mu\text{g/l}$ (parts per billion [ppb]). These measures include removing the outlets from use and providing alternate water sources.

Results of our Testing

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we identified and tested 54 drinking water and food preparation outlets. The testing results indicate that 51 designated drinking water and food preparation outlets were below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 $\mu\text{g/l}$ [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 $\mu\text{g/l}$ for lead, the actual lead level, and the remedial action taken. Please note that these fountains had not been in use since March 2020 and were taken out of service permanently.

Sample Location	First Draw Result (ppb)	Remedial Action
Bayberry Elementary Room C113 water bubbler/fountain	23 ppb	Permanent removal of water bubbler/fountain No further action necessary
Bayberry Elementary Room C126 water/bubbler fountain	27.1 ppb	Permanent removal of water bubbler/fountain No further action necessary
Bayberry Elementary Room C121 water/bubbler fountain	32.8 ppb	Permanent removal of water bubbler/fountain No further action necessary

The full report is posted on the [district website](#). For more information regarding the health effects of lead, visit the [EPA website](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our district Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, Ricky Boyd, at rboyd@watchungschools.us.

Sincerely,

Patricia Rodgers
School Business Administrator
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