

Weymouth Township School District

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Dear Weymouth Township School Community,

Weymouth Township School is committed to protecting our students, teachers and staff health and safety. As required by the Department of Education regulations, all drinking water outlets in our facility must be sampled for lead. The testing took place at the end of April.

Health Effects of Lead

High levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants and children under 6 years of age. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span and hurt high school performance.

How Lead Enters our Water

Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers and lakes. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and plumbing. These materials include lead based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome plated faucets. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead, and restricted the lead content of faucet, pipes and other plumbing materials.

Results of Testing

The table below identifies the two fixtures that tested above the lead action level, 15 micrograms per liter (mg/L) + parts per billion (ppb), which is equivalent to 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) = parts per million (ppm).

Location	First Draw Result	Remedial Action Taken
Room 103	23.7 ppb	Water shut off to fixture
Room 111	15.2 ppb	Water shut off to fixture

The next step will be to replace or remove the affected fixture. If the fixture is replaced, a retest will be taken and those results will be posted online.

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Additional Information

A copy of the test results are available in our central office for inspection by the public and can be viewed between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. The results are also available on our website <http://www.weymouthtownshipschool.org>. For more information about the water quality in our school, please contact our Business Administrator, Patricia Palmieri via email at palmieri@weymouthtsd.org or by phone at 609-476-2412.

Additional information regarding lead exposure and the health effects of lead, you can visit the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead. You can also call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

The safety, wellbeing and health of our students, teachers, and staff is of the utmost importance. Allow me to take this opportunity to once more assure you that we are adhering to all state guidelines and recommendations for testing and remediation.

Sincerely,

Brian London
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