

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Township of Ocean Community,

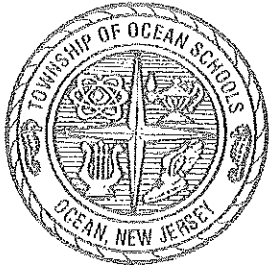
Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and to be in compliance with Department of Education regulations pertaining to lead in drinking water, in May 2022, the Township of Ocean School District conducted preliminary comprehensive lead testing of samples of our schools drinking water sources as per state mandated testing.

Results of our Testing

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we have completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within the Township of Ocean School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 193 samples taken, all but 8.8% tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15ug/l [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15ug/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action that has been taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in ug/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Township of Ocean Intermediate School right fountain across from Board Rm ID #0522-1085-30	36.7	Replaced cartridge in fountain
Township of Ocean Intermediate School Kitchen ice machine ID #0522-1085-41	38.7	Installed upgraded filter system
Township of Ocean Intermediate School Rm 5121 kitchen sink ID #0522-1082-6	129.00	Replaced faucet and risers, installed filter
Ocean Township High School Boiler Rm spigot ID #0522-1084	226	Posted a sign "Do Not Drink Hand Washing Only"
Ocean Township High School Kitchen – left of kettle spigot ID #0522-1084-2	16.6	Posted a sign "Do Not Drink Hand Washing Only"

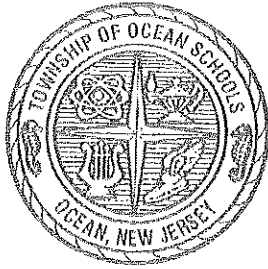


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Ocean Township High School Kitchen sink across from kettle 0522-1084-3	37.9	Posted a sign "Do Not Drink Hand Washing Only"
Ocean Township High School Water Fountains B hall by gym, on left ID#0522-1084-24	72.7	Replaced with an Elkay bottle filler system
Ocean Township High School Water Fountains B hall by gym, center ID #0522-1084-25	79.7	Replaced with an Elkay bottle filler system
Ocean Township High School Water Fountains B hall by gym, right ID # 0522-1084-26	185	Replaced with an Elkay bottle filler system
Wayside Elementary School Rm 101 Bubbler ID #0522-1086-12	20.7	Replaced bubbler, feed line, and angle valve feed, purged nearby outside hose bib line and purged classroom
Wayside Elementary School Wing 3 drinking fountain by custodial office ID #0522-1086-31	25.6	Replaced bubbler cartridge, feed line and water feed valve, heavily purged
Wanamassa Elementary School Boiler Rm source ID #0522-1082	45.8	Posted a sign "Do Not Drink Hand Washing Only"
Wanamassa Elementary School Drinking fountain between rms. 14 & 15 ID #0522-1082-13	19.8	Replaced riser and bubbler cartridge
Ocean Township Elementary School Basement utility spigot ID #0522-1083	39.6	Posted a sign "Do Not Drink Hand Washing Only"
Ocean Township Elementary School Basement utility sink ID #0522-1083-2	19.5	Posted a sign "Do Not Drink Hand Washing Only"
Ocean Township Elementary School Kitchen coffee maker ID #0522-1083-26	76.9	Installed new filter system and feed line
Ocean Township Elementary School Left drinking fountain outside rm. 101 ID #0522-1083-4	23.6	Replaced feed line and bubbler cartridge



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Next Steps

The township of Ocean School District will schedule second tests for these locations after remedial action has been taken to assure that the elevated lead levels have been corrected. The reason for the elevated levels may be old faucets, clogged aerators or infrequent use.

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 in building plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass, and chrome-plated brass 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. However, even the lead in plumbing materials meeting these new requirements is subject to corrosion. When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into the drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning *may* contain fairly high levels of lead.

Lead in Drinking Water

Lead in drinking water, although rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly the exposure of children under the age of 6. EPA estimates that drinking water can make up 20% or more of a person's total exposure to lead.

For more Information

A copy of the test results are available on our website www.oceanschools.org. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Mr. John Bosmans, Sr., Director of Facilities at 732-531-56020 x3450.

For more information about reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead, or call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD ((5323), or contact your health care provider.

If you are concerned about lead exposure at this facility or in your home, you may want to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood.

Sincerely,

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