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Dear MERS Community,

The Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District is dedicated to safeguarding the health of students, teachers, and staff. In compliance with Department of Education regulations, we have conducted lead testing in our schools' drinking water.

The district has taken swift action for any drinking water outlet exceeding the action level of 15 µg/l (ppb). These measures include immediately shutting off affected outlets until follow-up testing or remediation confirms lead concentrations have dropped below the action level.

It's important to note that exceeding the action level is an indicator that the water system may need to take additional steps to control lead levels. The action level serves as a measure of the effectiveness of corrosion control treatment in water systems, not as a health-based standard.

Results of our Testing

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of all the 290 samples taken, 283 tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water, while 7 samples exceeded this level.

Additional Resources:

- The test results and protocol are posted on our website at www.mersnj.us.
- The parents of the impacted buildings received a letter indicating the specific water outlets impacted and the remediation implemented by the district.
- United States Environmental Protection Agency – www.epa.gov/lead
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection - <https://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/schools.htm>.

Sincerely,

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