



BRIARCLIFF MANOR UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
45 Ingham Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York 10510

June 4, 2026

Dear Briarcliff Community,

I am writing to share an update regarding the District's required lead testing of water outlets used, or potentially used, for drinking or cooking.

The New York State Department of Health has strengthened its lead monitoring standards for schools. The acceptable action level for lead in school drinking water has been lowered from 15 parts per billion to 5 parts per billion. This lower threshold means that schools are now required to take corrective action at a much more protective level than in the past.

As part of the current reporting period, the District again had water testing conducted by an independent environmental engineering company. The results were reassuring overall: the vast majority of tested outlets either showed no detectable lead or were below the new 5 ppb threshold. Our consulting engineers described the results as "very good," with only minimal exceedances. Three water sources were identified as needing remediation:

- Todd Elementary School, Room 237 bottle filler: 15.3 ppb
- Briarcliff Middle School, Kitchen 501 pot filler spout: 5.09 ppb
- Briarcliff Middle School, Kitchen 501 island food prep sink: 16.3 ppb

Upon receiving the results, the District took immediate action. The Todd bottle filler was removed from service. The Middle School pot filler spout, which is not used by kitchen staff, was also removed from service. The Middle School kitchen prep sink was posted for handwashing and dishwashing only, a new filter has already been installed on the supply line, and the fixture will be retested before being cleared for food preparation use.

The District has provided the required test results to the Department of Health, and updated reports will be posted on the District website within the required posting period after retesting is completed. I understand that any communication involving lead in school water may cause concern for families. Please know that the District takes these requirements seriously, acts promptly when remediation is needed, and will continue to follow all New York State Department of Health protocols to help maintain safe and healthy school environments for our students and staff. Should you have any questions, please contact the Facilities Department at 914-432-8112.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Kaishian".

James Kaishian
Superintendent of Schools