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Dear West Long Branch School Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, the West Long Branch School District tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, the West Long Branch School District will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]).

Testing Results

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within the West Long Branch School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 41 samples taken, all but 4 tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

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

Sample Location	Concentration in ug/L	Remedial Action
27 / BME-SB-12 / Room 12	125	Disconnected outlet – water supply shut off. Signage posted.
7 / FAS-DW-HGYM-R/Hall at Gym's Side Ent. (Right) Drinking Fountain	113	Disconnected outlet – water supply shut off.
9 / FAS-DW-H2-L / Hall at Room 2 (Left) Drinking Fountain	22.1	Disconnected outlet – water supply shut off
22 / FAS-SB-85 / Room 85 Drinking Fountain	17.6	Disconnected outlet – water supply shut off



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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 faucets, 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.

For More Information

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Mrs. Christina Egan at 732-222-5900 x1304.

Sincerely,

Christina M. Egan
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