



**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**  
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Dear Wedgwood Elementary School Community:

Washington Township School district contracted with South Jersey Water Test, LLC of Williamstown, N.J. to conduct the mandated State lead testing of water outlets of schools in our district. These tested outlets included water fountains and sinks throughout the district. Water samples were taken for Wedgwood Elementary School on 3/20/17, analyzed and verified by the laboratory on 3/30/17 and received by the District today, 4/26/17. The results for Wedgwood Elementary School reflect that 1 water fountain of the 49 samples taken exceeded the US Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) action level of 15ug/l [ppb]. PPB stands for parts per billion. A bubbler is a faucet resembling that of a water fountain attached to a sink. The water fountain outside the gym showed first draw results of 280 ppb. It should be noted that water fountain was out of service and had to be turned on to test it. The fountain was immediately placed out of service again.

The results are reflective of the first round of testing, which is a standing water test. All taps were shut down from use for 8 hours or more prior to drawing an immediate sample upon reopening of the tap. This will often lead to higher test results. These taps have been shut down in advance of a second and final round of testing on the taps mentioned above.

The EPA's protocol with any outlet that tests lead at or above 15 ppb is to proceed with a flush sample, which we have planned and a follow up report will be shared when this action is completed.

The safety of our students, staff and community members is our utmost priority; therefore, we are responding in a proactive and conservative manner with focus beyond the mandates to ensure such. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Schoenfeldt our Operations Manager at 856-589-9120.

Very truly yours,

Joseph N. Bollendorf  
Superintendent of Schools