

**Washington  
Township  
Public  
Schools**



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April 4, 2017

Dear Birches Elementary School Community:

Washington Township School District contracted with South Jersey Water Test, LLC of Williamstown, NJ, 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 Birches Elementary School on 3/16/17, analyzed and verified by the laboratory on 3/28/17 and received by the District today, 4/4/17. The results for Birches Elementary School reflect that four (4) bubblers and two (2) water fountains of the 48 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.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in ug/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Bubbler Room 5	21.2	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.
Bubbler Room 11	183	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.
Bubbler Room 39	71.4	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.
Bubbler Room 19	23.7	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.
Water Fountain – outside gym	376	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.
Water Fountain – adjacent to IMC	20.3	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.

The specific results of this extensive testing will be posted to our website.

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. 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.

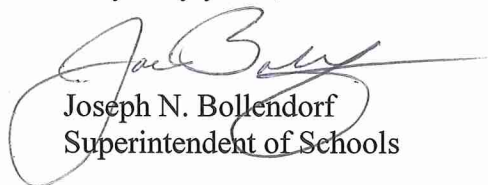
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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Schoenfeldt, our Operations Manager, at 856-589-9120.

Very truly yours,



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