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Dear Bells 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 Bells Elementary School on 3/15/17, analyzed and verified by the laboratory on 3/24/17 and 3/27/17 and received by the District today, 4/4/17. The results for Bells Elementary School reflect that one (1) bubbler and one (1) sink 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. The bubbler in Room 13 showed first draw results of 287 ppb, and the sink in the IMC workroom of 159. These faucets have been 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. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Schoenfeldt, our Operations Manager, at 856-589-9120.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bollendorf".

Joseph N. Bollendorf
Superintendent of Schools

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