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Dear Chestnut Ridge Middle School 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 Chestnut Ridge Middle School on 3/18/17, analyzed and verified by the laboratory on 3/29/17 and received by the District today, 4/4/17. The results for Chestnut Ridge Middle School reflect that three (3) sinks and two (2) cafeteria steamers of the 42 samples taken exceeded the US Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) action level of 15ug/l [ppb]. PPB stands for parts per billion.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in ug/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Sink 121a	50.2	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.
Sink 210 Science Prep Room	21	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.
Sink 211 Science Prep Room	19.8	Disconnected and bottled water is being provided.
Cafeteria Kettle Steamer	70	Disconnected. Has not been used in over 5 years.
Cafeteria Kettle Steamer	34.1	Disconnected. Has not been used in over 5 years.

It is important to note that the Kettle Steamers have not been used in over five (5) years, and we disconnected them so they cannot be used in the future. 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,


Joseph N. Bollendorf
Superintendent of Schools

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