



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Little Silver School District Community,

The State of New Jersey requires that school districts inspect for lead in our drinking water *every six years*. In order to ensure the safety of our students and staff, our district tests a portion of our water sources annually in order to test all sources in a rotation that is more frequent than the required six year inspection.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, school districts must 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]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a “DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY” sign will be posted.

Results of our Testing

At [Point Road](#), there are far more water fountains because all classrooms have their own sinks and water fountains. Of the **28** samples taken, all but **2** tested below the desired level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]). Therefore, two locations were of concern.

The following table identifies the drinking water outlets at [Point Road](#) that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what remedial action Little Silver BOE has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Classroom 121 Sink ID#P19-9980-08 (Mrs. O’Neil)	32.5	Posted signage “DO NOT DRINK- from Faucet. SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY”. Replacement “sink” faucet has been ordered and is pending installation.
Copy Room 201.2 Sink ID# P19-9980-16	19.5	Posted signage “DO NOT DRINK- from Sink Faucet. SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY”. Replacement “sink” faucet has been ordered and is pending installation.

At [Markham Place](#), of the **6** samples taken, **all** tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]), meaning **zero samples** were of concern.

Please Note:

Each of the Point Road classrooms has a sink with a faucet for handwashing and a water fountain. See image below.

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection. For your convenience, the *Certificates of Analysis* can be accessed at <https://www.littlesilverschools.org/departments/buildings-grounds/index>. You will see that the Certificate of Analysis lists the sink faucet (“SINK”) and the water fountain (“DW”) as two different testing sites per location. Students in room 121 can safely drink from the water fountain in their classroom. They **SHOULD NOT** fill their water bottles from the sink faucet. A replacement “sink” faucet has been ordered for room 121 as well as for Copy Room 201.2.



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For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Rick Carlson, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, 732-741-7112 ext. 3014.

For information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA’s Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

If you are concerned about lead exposure at this facility or in your home, you may want to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood.

Sincerely,

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