

March 6, 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

The New Road School of Parlin is committed to protecting our students' and staff's health. As required by the Department of Education regulations, all drinking water outlets in our facilities must be sampled for lead. New Road School of Parlin scheduled the lead drinking water sampling on February 20, 2017.

Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead? Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the body from drinking water or other sources. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years old. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At very high levels, lead can even cause brain damage.

Lead is rarely found in the source water. Rather, it enters water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the service line or interior plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome-brass faucets, and in some cases, pipes made of lead that connect buildings to water mains (service lines). Since 1986, all plumbing materials must be "lead free". The law currently allows plumbing materials to be up to 0.2 percent lead to be labeled as "lead free". However, prior to January 4, 2014, "lead free" allowed up to 8 percent lead content of the wetted surfaces of plumbing products including those labeled National Foundation (NSF) certified.

What Actions We Are Taking? The purpose of the plumbing profile was to identify all drinking water outlets and evaluate the plumbing materials of the school to determine if lead solder, lead pipes or a lead service line are present. This was part of New Road School of Parlin's responsibility.

All drinking water outlets were sampled on February 20, 2017. We received the results from SGS Accutest Mid-Atlantic laboratory within two weeks of sampling on March 3, 2017. The results came back negative for lead.

How Can I Learn More? For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Mr. Brian Underwood, Facilities Manager, at New Road School of Parlin 732-238-7700 extension 269. (For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or refer to the Department of Environmental Protection's website at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-schools.html>.)

Sincerely,

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