



SHEPARD

School

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Dear Shepard School Community:

Our school is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations the building owner, Our Lady of the Magnificat Church, contracted with Agra Environmental Services to test the school's drinking water for lead.

Results of our Testing

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, a limited plumbing profile was completed for the Shepard School building to identify and test all drinking water and food preparation outlets. We are pleased to report that all the locations used for consumption at Shepard School tested within the acceptable limits. Of the total of seven samples taken, only two of the kitchen sinks tested above the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{l}$ [ppb]). While Shepard does not prepare meals for students or use the kitchen outlets for any food preparation, the outlets have been shut down and taken out of service anyway.

The table below identifies the outlets that tested above the 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{l}$ for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action Shepard School took to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in $\mu\text{g}/\text{l}$ (ppb)	Remedial Action
1 st Floor Kitchen Sink ID # 1	22.1	Shepard does not prepare food or use for consumption. Outlet disconnected anyway.
1st Floor Kitchen Sink ID # 3	30.6	Shepard does not prepare food or use for consumption. Outlet disconnected anyway.

Shepard is currently working with the building owner to install filters to achieve and maintain a permanently reduced lead level in these areas. Follow up testing will be conducted. Only after appropriate remedial measures have been completed and follow up results at acceptable levels will the locations placed back in service.

For More Information

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and are also available on our website at www.windsorprephs.com For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Annmarie Scorzo, Business Manager at 973-247-1375.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at 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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