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Dear Riverside School Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, we tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, the Riverside Township School District will 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]).

Results of our Testing (outside faucets)

We have completed testing on the three outside (seasonal) faucets and two faucets tested above the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]). The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action we have taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Gym Building Trainer Hose/Bib ID # 1-GYM-T-HB-SC05811-RCP	84.9	Shut off water supply. Hose/Bib out of service. Fixture replaced.
Equipment Hut Ground Hose/Bib ID# 1-HUT-G-HB-N/A	30.4	Shut off water supply. Hose/Bib out of service. Fixture replaced.

How Lead Enters our Water

Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers and lakes. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and in building plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass, and chrome-plated brass faucets. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead, and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes and other plumbing materials. However, even the lead in plumbing materials meeting these new requirements is subject to corrosion. When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into the drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning *may* contain fairly high levels of lead.

For More Information

A copy of the test results is available in our Board of Education office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and are also available on our website at www.riverside.k12.nj.us. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Michael W. Adams, Superintendent of Schools at 856-461-1255 ext. 1111.

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.

Sincerely,

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