

## EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Andrea Evans, Superintendent

Gregory Wilson, Business Administrator

January 5, 2022

Dear East Greenwich Township School District Community,

The East Greenwich Township School District is committed to protecting the health of the students, teachers, and staff members. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, the East Greenwich Township Schools' drinking water was tested for lead.

Water testing for lead in drinking water locations was conducted in both the Jeffrey Clark School and the Samuel Mickle School on November 20, 2021.

The purpose of the sampling was to identify and address any drinking water location above the EPA action level of 15.5 parts per billion (ppb). A drinking water location is an outlet that is designed or expected to be used for water consumption. These included, but were not limited to, classroom water fountain bubblers or sinks, water bottle filling stations, sinks in nurse's offices, faculty break rooms, and locations in kitchens used for food preparation. Bathroom, custodial, art room, and science room sinks were not sampled, as these are not expected nor designed to be used for water consumption.

Water was allowed to stay motionless in each facility for a minimum of eight hours prior to sampling. After this time of inactivity, an "initial draw" sample was collected from the first water to come out of the outlet. After the initial draw sample was collected, water was allowed to flush for 30 seconds, and a second "flush" sample was collected. The purpose of the flush sample is to help determine if contamination does exist, whether it is originating from the outlet itself or from the building's plumbing.

Of the 215 locations tested, 12 locations indicated results above the 15.5 parts per billion (ppb) action level. A summary of each location above the action level, as well as the short-term response, is found below:

## **Jeffrey Clark Elementary School**

SAMPLE LOCATION	SAMPLE RESULT	SHORT TERM RESPONSE
Bubbler – Room 105	43.1 ppb	Taken out of service
Bubbler – Room 103	38.6 ppb	Taken out of service
Sink – Nurse's Restroom	24.9 ppb	Taken out of service
Sink – Room 166 (near right)	31.4 ppb	Taken out of service
Sink – Room 166 (far right)	18.4 ppb	Taken out of service
Bubbler – Room 154	16.2 ppb	Taken out of service
Sink – Room 150	17.2 ppb	Taken out of service
Bubbler – Room 123	19.6 ppb	Taken out of service



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## **Samuel Mickle Elementary School**

SAMPLE LOCATION	SAMPLE RESULT	SHORT TERM RESPONSE
Bubbler – Pre-Kitchen	16.4 ppb	Taken out of service
Bubbler – Room 309	90.1 ppb	Taken out of service
Sink – Media Work Room	166 ppb	Taken out of service
Bubbler – Room 104	17.3 ppb	Taken out of service

At this time, permanent solutions for each of these locations are being evaluated. The district will notify staff, students, and parents as these solutions are implemented. Questions regarding the sample locations can be directed to me by email, <a href="mailto:wilsong@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us">wilsong@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us</a> or by phone, 856-423-2958 x1002. Thank you for your continued support of the East Greenwich Township School District.

Sincerely,

**Gregory Wilson** 

**School Business Administrator** 

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