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Dear Pineland Learning Center 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, our school's drinking water was tested for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, Pineland Learning Center will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15  $\mu$ g/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**

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within Pineland Learning Center. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. We are pleased to report that none of the collected samples tested above the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

## 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.pinelandschool.org. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Lisa Gallo at (856) 378-5020 ext. 410.

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.