



# WATCHUNG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community Members,

Our school district is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the department of education regulations, the Watchung Borough School District tested our schools' drinking water for lead in November, 2021.

In accordance with the department of education regulations, the district has implemented immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15  $\mu\text{g/l}$  (parts per billion [ppb]). These measures include removing the outlets from use and providing alternate water sources.

## Results of our Testing

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we identified and tested 54 drinking water and food preparation outlets. The testing results indicate that 51 designated drinking water and food preparation outlets were below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15  $\mu\text{g/l}$  [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15  $\mu\text{g/l}$  for lead, the actual lead level, the temporary remedial actions taken at each location, and the planned follow-up actions. Please note that these fountains have not been in use since March 2020 and will be taken out of service permanently.

<b>Sample Location</b>	<b>First Draw Result (ppb)</b>	<b>Interim Remedial Action Taken</b>	<b>Follow-Up Actions Planned</b>
Bayberry Elementary Rm C113 water bubbler / fountain	23 ppb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● outlet not in use</li><li>● appropriate signage posted to reinforce that outlet is out of service</li><li>● water filling stations available nearby as alternative source</li></ul>	permanent removal of water bubbler / fountain
Bayberry Elementary Rm C126 water bubbler / fountain	27.1 ppb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● outlet not in use</li><li>● appropriate signage posted to reinforce that outlet is out of service</li><li>● water filling stations available nearby as alternative source</li></ul>	permanent removal of water bubbler / fountain
Bayberry	32.8 ppb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● outlet not in use</li></ul>	permanent removal of water

Elementary  Rm C121 water bubbler / fountain		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● appropriate signage posted to reinforce that outlet is out of service</li> <li>● water filling stations available nearby as alternative source</li> </ul>	bubbler / fountain
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The full report is posted on the [district website](#). For information regarding the health effects of lead, visit the [EPA website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our district Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, Paul Spano, at [pspano@watchungschools.us](mailto:pspano@watchungschools.us). Thank you.

Sincerely,



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 Watchung Borough School District