



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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Township of Ocean School District  
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Dear Township of Ocean Community:

As you may know, the State of New Jersey last year mandated all school districts conduct drinking water testing for lead in our schools. The testing mandate was for water sources in schools that could be consumed by students, such as water fountains and/or sinks that supply water for food preparation, typically in cafeterias.

The Township of Ocean Schools, last June, conducted this testing in all district schools. There were 3 drinking water outlets that tested above the lead action level established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water. These 3 locations were immediately taken out of service. The original letter distributed to parents and the detailed results can be found posted on the front page of our website ([www.oceanschools.org](http://www.oceanschools.org)). Remedial action has since taken place and the results are as follows:

1. Township of Ocean Intermediate School – Room 607 Sink (ID#0617-6310-30) has been removed permanently.
2. Ocean Township High School- Cafeteria Sink (ID#0617-6308-39) has been taken out of service and plumbing corrections were made, but it did not pass a re-test, further piping/fixture corrections are being made. This will be out of service until a re-test is passed.
3. Wayside Elementary School – Room 608 Sink/bubbler had plumbing corrections made and had re-testing performed with a positive result of levels below the EPA standard.

The reason for the original elevated levels may have been old faucets, clogged aerators or infrequent use.

For more information about water quality in our schools, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Gary Tattersall, Director of Facilities at (732) 531-5600 ext. 3450 or myself.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead), or call the National Lead Information Center at (800) 424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Sincerely,

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Township of Ocean Board of Education