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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This notice is to inform you that the district has hired Enviro Vision Consultants, Inc to test the water in our schools for lead. They will be testing all Kitchen sinks only. All water fountains and sinks in classrooms, faculty rooms and health offices drinking water location have been permanently shut down due to COVID-19. And water coolers and bottled water will be used as drinking water, all other outlets will be used for hand washing only.

The testing will occur in each school,

Water sampling will begin this weekend Saturday, May 21, 2022 and is anticipated to be completed by Monday, May 23. The district and

Enviro Vision consultants, Inc will follow the New Jersey Environmental Protection Agency Lead in drinking water standards. guidelines, for Reducing

Lead in Drinking Water in Schools. Please click on the link for more information.

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/toolkit_leadschools_guide_3ts_leadschools.pdf

After water samples are collected, Enviro Vision consultants Inc; will test the water for lead levels and provide a report with the results for each water outlet. When the process is completed, results of the water testing will be made available to the public.

The water tested in Early childhood Learning Center (ECLC) Woodrow Wilson School #5 and the Garfield Middle Schools results indicated that one water outlet in each of the kitchens exceeded the 15.5 parts per billion limits, all other water outlets met the NJEPA guidelines, 15.5 parts per billion (15.5ppb)

The sink outlets were immediately closed and will have a lead filter installed. Once the filters are installed a re-sample of the effected outlets will take place. The outlets will remain out of service until such time that they are below acceptable limits and posted.

All water test results will be posted on the district website at:

https://www.gboe.org/departments/facilities/lead_testing_results

Sincerely,



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