

Parsippany-Troy Hills Board of Education

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Water Testing

As you may know, as a result of the issue of lead in the schools drinking water in Newark, New Jersey, the Parsippany-Troy Hills Township School District made the decision to have the water tested in all of our 14 schools. As part of the testing procedures, all drinking fountains, food preparation, and Home Economics classrooms were tested. While the testing of all schools is not complete at this time, today we received results for five of our schools. The results are as follows:

Eastlake Elementary School:

The Eastlake Elementary School showed results above the threshold of 15.0 ppb in the following areas:

Hall to gym wc: 22 ppb.
Classroom #5 wc: 16 ppb
Classroom #14 wc: 270 ppb
Classroom # 8 wc: 24 ppb
Classroom #16 wc: 28 ppb

Action Plan - As a result, these drinking fountains will be turned off today and we will provide bottled water to the students in these classrooms. We will be consulting with the testing company and we met with the Parsippany Department of Health today to begin developing a long-term, permanent solution to insure our students have proper drinking water.

All other samples in the school were below the threshold.

Parsippany High School

Parsippany High School showed results above the threshold of 15.0 ppb in the following area:

Boiler room VF by tank: 200 ppb

Action Plan - This valve is not tied to our drinking water. Rather, this is a utility valve and only our custodian and maintenance personnel have access to the value and reason to use it.

All other samples were below the threshold.

Central Middle School

Central Middle School showed results above the threshold of 15.0 ppb in the following area:

Water pump room UF: 66 ppb

Action Plan - This utility faucet is not tied to our drinking water. Rather, this is a utility faucet and only our custodian and maintenance personnel have access to the faucet and reason to use it.

All other samples in the school were below the threshold.

Parsippany Hills High School

Parsippany Hills High School showed results above the threshold of 15.0 ppb in the following area:

Boiler room Utility Valve by tank - 100 ppb.

Action Plan - This utility valve is not tied to our drinking water. Rather, this is a utility valve and only our custodian and maintenance personnel have access to the valve and reason to use it.

All other samples in the school were below the threshold.

Brooklawn Middle School

All samples in the school were below the threshold.

Please understand that the information we have received is preliminary and not the complete report. The steps taken at this point are precautionary. As we receive additional notifications for the remaining schools and complete testing results for all our schools we will post the information on the District website. www.pthsd.k12.nj.us

The Township website has the most recent State mandated water quality testing program. This is the link to the most recent water quality testing report.

http://www.parsippany.net/web_content/acrobat/flyers/2012-WaterCCR.pdf.

For more information regarding lead in drinking water please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mr. David Corso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Chief Financial Officer at dfcorso@pthsd.net.