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FROM: Robert F. Wachter Jr.

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RE: **Results of Re-Testing for Lead in Water at Hillside Elementary School**

As you may know, in July of 2016, the New Jersey Board of Education adopted mandatory regulations regarding testing for lead content in drinking water in all public schools throughout the state. All school districts were subsequently provided with very specific instructions on development of a plumbing profile and Lead Sampling Plan during state-wide training sessions.

Testing was completed in nine locations within Hillside on September 2, 2016 following stringent state guidelines. Water from six drinking fountains as well as sinks in the School Nurse's Office and Kitchen area was sampled. The following chart contains the results of those outlets within Hillside School testing above the Environmental Protection Agency standard of 15.5 parts per billion for lead content on the first sample draw, and the final results following a second draw.

Three drinking water fountains, the oldest fountains in the building, initially tested above the allowable limit. They were replaced and re-tested. The results of the second-draw tests are shown below.

Hillside Outlets Initially Testing Above the EPA Allowable Lead Limit of 15.5 Parts Per Billion

Sample Location	First Draw	Second Draw
Drinking Fountain A-1	22.41	Fountain Removed
Drinking Fountain F-A-2	32.55	No lead detected
Drinking Fountain F-B-3	22.95	No lead detected

Additional information on Testing for Lead Content in Drinking Water in our schools may be found on our district website at www.mtlaurelschools.org and on the EPA website at www.epa.gov/lead.