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TO: Board of Education  
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Countryside Staff  
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FROM: Robert F. Wachter Jr.

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RE: **Results of Re-Testing for Lead in Water at Countryside 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 16 locations within Countryside School on October 12, 2016 following stringent state guidelines. On initial testing, the drinking fountain in Classroom #2 exceeded the EPA allowable lead limit of 15 ppb on first draw, but was at acceptable limits after flushing. That fountain was replaced, however in re-testing on November 10, the new fountain samples tested with lead in an amount over the acceptable limit. The fountain was flushed as per remediation recommendations.

Additional samples taken from that fountain on December 28, 2016 indicate that lead levels are well below the EPA allowable limit, and that no further remedial action is necessary.

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