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

DATE: January 19, 2017

RE: **Results of Testing for Lead in Water at Harrington Middle 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.

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the body from drinking water and other sources. While rarely found in source water, it is generally the result of corrosion of materials containing lead in the service line, such as pipes or solder made of lead. Since 1986, new laws required that all plumbing materials must be "lead-free".

Mount Laurel School District is testing all drinking water and outlets supplying water for use in food preparation at all eight schools and our ancillary buildings. Testing was completed in 40 locations within Harrington Middle School on December 28, 2016 following stringent state guidelines. Water from nine drinking fountains as well as sinks in the School Nurse's Office, Kitchen and Teachers' Room were sampled.

None of the samples drawn at Harrington Middle School exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency standard of 15.5 parts per billion for lead content.

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).