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TO : Board of Education  
Administration  
Countryside Staff  
Countryside Parents  
Mount Laurel Community

FROM: Robert F. Wachter, Jr.

DATE: June 17, 2022

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

As you may know, in July 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 the Countryside School on April 20, 2022 following stringent state guidelines. On initial testing, the drinking fountain in the hallway by Classroom # 5 exceeded the EPA allowable lead limit of 15 ppb on first draw. That fountain was replaced.

Additional samples taken from that fountain on May 20, 2022 indicate that the 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).