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Marlton Elementary School Evesham Township School District 190Tomlinson-Mill Road Marlton, NJ 08053

Dear MES Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, Marlton Elementary School tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, Evesham Township School District will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15  $\mu$ g/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign will be posted.

## **Testing Results**

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within Marlton Elementary School. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 44 samples taken, all but two tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water ( $15 \mu g/l$  [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15  $\mu$ g/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action Evesham Township School District has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Room 159 Kitchen Sink 1	27.8	Disconnected outlet
Room 249 Kitchen Sink 2	35.8	Disconnected outlet

# Health Effects of Lead

High levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years of age. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of the body. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At *very* high levels, lead can even cause brain damage. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

#### How Lead Enters our Water

Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers and lakes. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and in building plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass, and chrome-plated brass faucets. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead, and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes and other plumbing materials. However, even the lead in plumbing materials meeting these new requirements is subject to corrosion. When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into the drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning *may* contain fairly high levels of lead.

# Lead in Drinking Water

Lead in drinking water, although rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly the exposure of children under the age of 6. EPA estimates that drinking water can make up 20% or more of a person's total exposure to lead.

## For More Information

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and are also available on our website at www.evesham.k12.nj.us. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Tom Donahue, Facilities Manager at the Evesham Township School District at 856-797-6840.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at **www.epa.gov/lead**, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

If you are concerned about lead exposure at this facility or in your home, you may want to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood.

Sincerely,

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Marlton Middle School Evesham Township School District 150Tomlinson-Mill Road Marlton, NJ 08053

Dear MMS Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, Marlton Middle School tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, Evesham Township School District will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15  $\mu$ g/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign will be posted.

## **Testing Results**

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within Marlton Middle School. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 51 samples taken, all but five tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water ( $15 \mu g/l [ppb]$ ).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15  $\mu$ g/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action Evesham Township School District has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
322 Hall	63.6	Disconnected outlet and bottled water
APR Water Cooler		provided
323 Hall	31.9	Disconnected outlet and bottled water
APR Water Cooler		provided
324 Hall	25.1	Disconnected outlet and bottled water
APR Water Cooler		provided
325 Hall	47.4	Disconnected outlet and bottled water
APR Water Cooler	and a second second	provided
Room 156	17.9	Disconnected outlet and bottled water
Gym Girl's Water Fountain		provided

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Jaggard Elementary School Evesham Township School District 2 Wescott Road Marlton, NJ 08053

Dear Jaggard Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, Evans Elementary School tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, Evesham Township School District will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15  $\mu$ g/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign will be posted.

# Testing Results

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within Jaggard Elementary School. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 47 samples taken, all but two tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water ( $15 \mu g/l [ppb]$ ).

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Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Room 174 Drinking Fountain	20.9	Disconnected outlet and bottled water provided
Room 249 Water Cooler	22.9	Disconnected outlet and bottled water provided

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Evans Elementary School Evesham Township School District 400 S Route73 Marlton, NJ 08053

Dear Evans Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, Evans Elementary School tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

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# Testing Results

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within Evans Elementary School. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 36 samples taken, all but two tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15  $\mu$ g/l [ppb]).

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Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Room 112 Drinking Fountain	18.4	Disconnected outlet and bottled water provided
Room 115 Drinking Fountain	45.2	Disconnected outlet and bottled water provided

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