News Release

Lead Levels in School Drinking Water Meet Federal and State Guidelines

The Bayonne School District announced today that recent tests of drinking water in all District elementary schools indicate that lead levels meet federal and state guidelines. Although lead was initially detected above the recommended level in 3% of the samples tested, lead levels were reduced to acceptable levels following replacement or removal of the outlets.

In making the announcement, School Superintendent Patricia L. McGeehan Ed.D., stated, “We are pleased that the testing program identified only 13 of the 430 samples with elevated lead levels. All concerns have been remediated.”

The School District conducted the testing program to make sure that drinking water in the school system is safe for children and school staff. Water with high lead levels can contribute to negative health effects, especially in young children.

The testing was conducted by the US Environmental Protection Agency. Samples from various locations in each of the schools were sent to the EPA laboratory for analysis. The final laboratory results were received by the School District October 5, 2016.

Information about the lead testing program, including the laboratory results, can be found at the District’s Central Office, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or at the District’s website at www.bboed.org. Questions may also be addressed to Christopher L. Patella, Risk Manager for the Bayonne School District at 201-858-5936.