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## Superintendent's Message: "Lead Testing Information"

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District is committed to providing students with a safe and secure environment. Part of our efforts in doing so includes the periodic testing of water for the presence of lead.

Last year, the district tested all water fixtures and found elevated levels of lead in six water fountains and two sinks. These fixtures were immediately shut down and subsequently replaced with lead filtering fixtures. All of these fixtures have yielded results well below acceptable levels.

Recently, the district retested all water fixtures for lead. Despite being within acceptable levels last year, the following fixtures yielded elevated levels that are above the Environmental Protection Agency's acceptable limit of 15 parts per billion.

Pascack Hills High School:

Cafeteria sink used for washing; water fountains outside Rooms 255, 235, 203 and Girls' Locker Room.

Pascack Valley High School:

Two cafeteria sinks.

Our remediation plan is to replace the affected water fountains with new water coolers / fountains that include lead filtration. (See image of Elkay fountain) In addition, the new fountains will be tested prior to going into service in August.



For additional information regarding lead exposure, please reference the <u>United States Environmental</u> <u>Protection Agency's website</u>. In addition, district results can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Sincerely,

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