



ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Uptown School Complex Community:

The Atlantic City Board of Education is highly committed to the safety of our students and staff. In compliance with New Jersey Department of Education regulations, lead in water testing for drinking water locations throughout the district was performed in November 2024. The purpose of the sampling was to identify and address any drinking water location above the EPA action level of 15.5 parts per billion (ppb). A drinking water location is an outlet that is designed or expected to be used for water consumption. These included, but were not limited to, classroom water fountains and sinks, water coolers, sinks in nurse's offices, faculty break rooms, and locations in kitchens used for food preparation. Bathroom, custodial, art room, and science room sinks were not sampled, as these are not expected, nor designed to be used for, water consumption.

Water was allowed to stay motionless in each facility for a minimum of eight hours prior to sampling. After this time of inactivity, an "initial draw" sample was collected from the first water to come out of the outlet. After this sample was collected, water was allowed to flush for the required amount of time, and a second "flush" sample was collected. The purpose of the flush sample is to help determine if contamination does exist, whether it is originating from the outlet itself or from the building's plumbing.

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15.5 ug/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action the Atlantic City Board of Education has taken to reduce the levels of lead at the following location:

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Sample Location	First Draw Result	Flush Sample Result	Short Term Response
Kettle Filler, Kitchen – Right Side	24.3 ppb	< 1.00 ppb	Taken out of service

Copies of all water testing results can be viewed at the school district's central office, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm and are available on our website at (www.acboe.org). For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Kurt Austin, Facilities Manager, Atlantic City Board of Education, (609)343-7200 x5067.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Yours in Education,

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