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Dear Egg Harbor City Community,

The Board of Education and Administration of the Egg Harbor City School District is committed to fulfilling our mission, to help develop physically and emotionally healthy students who excel in an ever-changing world. To protect our community and remain in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, we tested all identified drinking water outlets throughout the District for lead in the water.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, Egg Harbor City School District will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/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.

## Results of our Testing

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 Egg Harbor City School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 43 samples taken throughout the district, 41 tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]), and 2 tested above the lead action level.

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what remedial action Egg Harbor City School District has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

## INITIAL TESTING – DECEMBER 27, 2025

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
<b>Spragg Elementary School</b> Fountain in Room 9 ID# S-12	36.7 ppb	>Discontinued water use in both locations. >Results were posted as required.
<b>Spragg Elementary School</b> Sink in Nurse's Office ID# S-15	15.0 ppb	>Further plumbing investigation and action will be conducted.

## CONFIRMATION TESTING – January 27, 2025 – ACCEPTABLE

Following the plumbing investigation and remedial actions, which included replacing the faucet within the Nurse's Office with NSF certified parts, **confirmation testing was conducted, and results indicate acceptable levels for the affected location.** Below, please find the results for the confirmation testing.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
<b>Spragg Elementary School</b> Fountain in Room 9 ID# S-12	No Sample Taken	Permanently Disconnected
<b>Spragg Elementary School</b> Sink in Nurse's Office ID# S-15	3.90 ppb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The sink faucet was replaced.</li><li>• Confirmation testing was conducted.</li><li>• Results were all acceptable and posted as required.</li></ul>

### 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 your 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.

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.ehcs.k12.nj.us](http://www.ehcs.k12.nj.us). For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Ryan Heriegel in the Buildings and Grounds Department, 609-965-1034.

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](http://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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shulby".

Adrienne Shulby  
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