



Livingston PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families and Staff:

Livingston Public Schools is committed to protecting the health of its students and staff. As required by the Department of Education regulations, all drinking water outlets in our facilities must be sampled for lead. Livingston Public Schools has scheduled the lead drinking water sampling for all locations the week of April 18th through April 23rd.

- Burnet Hill Elementary School, 25 Byron Pl.
- Collins Elementary School, 67 Martin Rd.
- Harrison Elementary School, 148 N. Livingston Ave.
- Hillside Elementary School, 98 Belmont Dr.
- Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, 11 Broadlawn Dr.
- Riker Hill Elementary School, 31 Blackstone Dr.
- Mt. Pleasant Middle School, 11 Broadlawn Dr.
- Heritage Middle School, 20 Foxcroft Dr.
- Livingston High School, 30 Robert Harp Dr.
- Monmouth Court Campus, 25 Monmouth Court
- Administrative Office, 11 Foxcroft Dr.

Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead? - Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the body from drinking water or other sources. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years old. 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.

Lead is rarely found in the source water; rather it enters the drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the service line or interior plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome-brass faucets, and in some cases, pipes made of lead that connect buildings to water mains (service lines). Since 1986, all plumbing materials must be “lead free.” The law currently allows plumbing materials to be up to 0.25% lead to be labeled as “lead free.” However, prior to January 4, 2014, “lead free” allowed up to 8 % lead content of the wetted surfaces of plumbing products including those labeled National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified.

What Actions We Are Taking? - Prior to sampling, Livingston Public Schools developed a Lead Sampling Plan for each location and conducted a plumbing profile. The purpose of the plumbing profile was to identify all drinking water outlets and evaluate the plumbing materials of the building to determine if lead solder, lead pipes or a lead service line are present.

All drinking water outlets throughout the district will be sampled on April 18th through April 23rd. We anticipate receiving the results from our laboratory within two-three weeks of sampling. Upon receiving the sample results, the district will inform you if any of the drinking water outlets had a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]) and will post all of the results and Lead Sampling Plan on our website at www.livingston.org. The results will be used to assist in the prioritization of future water testing for lead in accordance with the district’s Lead Sampling Plan.

Each building will also implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (ppb). This will include 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.

How Can I Learn More? - For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Mr. Jamie Perrette, Buildings and Grounds Manager at (973) 535-8000 ext. 2360. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or refer to the Department of Environmental Protection’s website at Schools-Lead Sampling Information.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Block,
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Livingston Public Schools: Empowering all to learn, create, contribute, and grow.