

DEMAREST SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent
568 Piermont Road
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May 24, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As stated in my May 6th letter, the Demarest Board of Education's primary focus is the health and well being of our school community. As you may be aware, many area schools have voluntarily tested their water for lead and have received some reports of elevated lead levels.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you apprised of the preliminary report of our water testing and subsequent precautionary actions. After Environmental Remediation and Management, Inc. tested a large sampling of water sources in the district, the report shows slightly elevated levels in one fountain at DMS, seven faucets/fountains at LLE, and two faucets/fountains at CRS. All cooking sites were not affected.

Water fountains that have been cleared by testing will be used in all three schools. In addition, stand-alone water stations will be provided at LLE. As is our current practice, students may continue to bring bottled water from home for use during the day.

Immediate action has been taken by shutting down those faucets and fountains in question to prevent use by students and staff. Those locations will remain unused until the district is able to make necessary filtration/equipment changes. All locations will be tested again before being reopened.

Although not a state requirement, the Board will annually test for lead levels, as student safety is our primary concern. I encourage you to reach out if you have any questions, or for further information you may visit [Environmental Protection Agency/Lead](#).

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

Michael Fox

Michael Fox, Superintendent
Demarest Public Schools