



Notice from the Superintendent

July 2017

Dear River Vale Parents & Guardians:

The River Vale Board of Education has continued its commitment to protecting the health of our students and staff. As required by new Department of Education regulations, all drinking water outlets in our facilities must be sampled for lead.

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we developed a [Lead Sampling Plan](#) and completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within the River Vale Board of Education. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets on June 18, 2017. Of the samples taken, ALL tested BELOW the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]). Please click [here](#) for testing results.

It is important to note the district has monitored our water supply for several years, which has included the following:

- Conducting testing for elevated lead levels periodically since the referendum of 2003
- Proactively utilizing water filters in areas that were considered drinkable water sources
- Changing water filters a minimum of once per year, which is an important practice in terms of preventing the opportunity for elevated lead levels

For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Kelly Ippolito at the River Vale Board of Education at (201) 358-4003. Refer to the Department of Environmental Protection's [website](#) for information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, or contact your local water supplier for more facts.

Sincerely,

Rory McCourt
Superintendent of Schools