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Dear Families and Staff:

This is a follow up to my **January 25, 2017** water test results notification letter and I am pleased to share we have successfully completed remediation work at **I.S. 27 - Staten Island** (I.S. 027 Anning S. Prall - 11 Clove Lake Place Staten Island, NY 10310).

On **December 23, 2016**, every potential source of water for drinking or preparing food at **I.S. 27 - Staten Island** was tested for lead. The laboratory results showed elevated levels of lead in **53 of the 150 samples** of water taken and tested.

During water sampling on December 23, 2016 we noted 35 fixtures that were out of order and could not be tested for lead. Those 35 fixtures were repaired and tested on September 23, 2017. The laboratory results showed 3 samples with elevated levels of lead out of 70 samples of water taken and tested.

In any building where lead test results show even one water outlet above the action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb), the DOE implements its standard response protocol, under which it removes any such outlet from service, flushes all or part of the system to eliminate water sitting in pipes overnight, replaces equipment and re-tests after the equipment is replaced. Fixtures are only put back in service once results of laboratory re-tests are below the action level of 15 ppb.

Each affected fixture at **I.S. 27** was taken out of service the date test results were received, and the remediation work was completed. On **April 13 and September 23 and 29, 2017**, the remediated fixtures were tested and the final lab results indicate that all samples taken and tested were below the action level of 15 ppb.

Out of an abundance of caution, the custodial staff will continue to flush the **I.S. 27** water systems on Monday mornings before school starts in order to eliminate water that has been stagnant in pipes over the weekend and to ensure safe drinking water is available for students and staff.

A more detailed letter related to the testing for lead at **I.S. 27** is attached, and complete test results are posted on the DOE website at <http://schools.nyc.gov/schoolportals/31/R027/default.htm>.

Please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/schools/watersafety.htm> to learn more about the robust protocol we use to ensure the safety of drinking water in each and every school, as well as to look up water test results for each school.

Thank you for your patience and support and we wish you and your students a wonderful semester.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth A. Rose

**A NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STAFF**  
**I.S. 27 - Staten Island**  
**I.S. 027 Anning S. Prall**  
**11 Clove Lake Place Staten Island, NY 10310**  
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Safe and healthy school environments can foster healthy and successful children. To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYSDOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 15 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), the NYSDOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

**What is first draw testing of school drinking water for lead?**

The “on-again, off-again” nature of water use at most schools can raise lead levels in school drinking water. Water that remains in pipes overnight, over a weekend, or over vacation periods stays in contact with lead pipes or lead solder and, as a result, could contain higher levels of lead. This is why schools are required to collect a sample after the water has been sitting in the plumbing system for a certain period of time. This “first draw” sample is likely to show higher levels of lead for that outlet than what you would see if you sampled after using the water continuously. However, even if the first draw sample does not reflect what you would see with continuous usage, it is still important because it can identify outlets that have elevated lead levels.

**What are the initial testing elevation results?**

Samples Collected on 12/23/2016				
Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	Sample Results
BS	Boys Locker room	104	Cold Water Faucet 2	60.5 ppb
BS	Boys Locker room	104	Cold Water Faucet 3	28.6 ppb
BS	Girls Locker room	160	Cold Water Faucet 5	171 ppb
1	Cafeteria	118	Bubbler 1	220 ppb
1	Cafeteria	118	Bubbler 2	26.3 ppb
1	Kitchen	120	Cold Water Faucet 3	41.8 ppb
1	Adult Bathroom	142	Cold Water Faucet 1	18.3 ppb
1	Office	106B	Cold Water Faucet 1	66.9 ppb
1	Office	106B	Cold Water Faucet 2	18 ppb
1	Teachers Cafeteria	120J	Cold Water Faucet 1	3280 ppb
2	Classroom	207	Cold Water Faucet 1	17.3 ppb
2	Classroom	207	Cold Water Faucet 3	21.9 ppb
2	Classroom	207	Cold Water Faucet 4	25.4 ppb
2	Classroom	207	Cold Water Faucet 5	16.5 ppb
2	Hallway	212	Bubbler 1	1050 ppb
2	Hallway	212	Bubbler 2	374 ppb
2	Hallway	212	Bubbler 3	331 ppb
2	Girls Bathroom	216	Cold Water Faucet 2	24.9 ppb



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Samples Collected on 12/23/2016				
Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	Sample Results
2	Classroom	219	Cold Water Faucet 1	522 ppb
2	Classroom	235	Cold Water Faucet 1	998 ppb
2	Adult Bathroom	244	Cold Water Faucet 1	18.1 ppb
2	Classroom	247	Bubbler 1	1400 ppb
2	Classroom	253	Bubbler 1	3680 ppb
3	Classroom	304	Cold Water Faucet 1	5010 ppb
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 1	44.4 ppb
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 2	126 ppb
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 3	35.4 ppb
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 4	279 ppb
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 5	240 ppb
3	Classroom	308	Cold Water Faucet 1	26.4 ppb
3	Classroom	309	Cold Water Faucet 1	2570 ppb
3	Classroom	309	Cold Water Faucet 2	191 ppb
3	Classroom	309	Cold Water Faucet 3	1040 ppb
3	Classroom	309	Cold Water Faucet 5	209 ppb
3	Hallway	314	Bubbler 1	213 ppb
3	Hallway	314	Bubbler 2	180 ppb
3	Hallway	314	Bubbler 3	111 ppb
3	Classroom/Science Lab	341	Cold Water Faucet 1	32500 ppb
3	Boys Bathroom	342	Cold Water Faucet 1	881 ppb
3	Boys Bathroom	342	Cold Water Faucet 2	376 ppb
3	Boys Bathroom	342	Cold Water Faucet 3	364 ppb
3	Classroom	343	Cold Water Faucet 1	2810 ppb
3	Classroom/Science Lab	347	Cold Water Faucet 1	5440 ppb
3	Hallway	348	Bubbler 1	2050 ppb
3	Hallway	348	Bubbler 2	2260 ppb
3	Hallway	348	Bubbler 3	696 ppb
3	Classroom	349	Cold Water Faucet 1	633 ppb
3	Classroom/Science Lab	350	Cold Water Faucet 1	296 ppb
3	Classroom/Science Lab	353	Cold Water Faucet 1	9950 ppb
3	Classroom/Science Lab	356	Cold Water Faucet 1	2110 ppb
3	Office	363	Bubbler 1	15.8 ppb
3	Classroom	365	Bubbler 1	81.5 ppb
3	Classroom	365	Cold Water Faucet 1	30.5 ppb

Samples Collected on 9/23/2017					
Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
BS	Boys Locker room	104	Cold Water Faucet 4	104 ppb	<1.0 ppb



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Samples Collected on 9/23/2017					
Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
1	Hallway	118	Bubbler 2	54 ppb	<1.0 ppb
1	Kitchen	120	Cold Water Faucet 13	33 ppb	<1.0 ppb

**What are the post-remediation testing results?**

Samples Collected on 4/13/2017					
Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
BS	Boys Locker room	104	Cold Water Faucet 2	1.2 ppb	NA*
BS	Boys Locker room	104	Cold Water Faucet 3	1.3 ppb	NA*
BS	Girls Locker room	160	Cold Water Faucet 5	3.2 ppb	NA*
1	Cafeteria	118	Bubbler 1	7.3 ppb	NA*
1	Cafeteria	118	Bubbler 2	12 ppb	NA*
1	Kitchen	120	Cold Water Faucet 3	2.3 ppb	NA*
1	Adult Bathroom	142	Cold Water Faucet 1	3.3 ppb	NA*
1	Office	106B	Cold Water Faucet 1	4.7 ppb	NA*
1	Office	106B	Cold Water Faucet 2	4.2 ppb	NA*
1	Teachers Cafeteria	120J	Cold Water Faucet 1	<1.0 ppb	NA*
2	Classroom	207	Cold Water Faucet 1	3.5 ppb	NA*
2	Classroom	207	Cold Water Faucet 3	1.2 ppb	NA*
2	Classroom	207	Cold Water Faucet 4	4 ppb	NA*
2	Classroom	207	Cold Water Faucet 5	4.4 ppb	NA*
2	Hallway	212	Bubbler 1	21 ppb	2.4 ppb
2	Hallway	212	Bubbler 2	6.2 ppb	NA*
2	Hallway	212	Bubbler 3	38 ppb	3.1 ppb
2	Girls Bathroom	216	Cold Water Faucet 2	1.4 ppb	NA*
2	Classroom	219	Cold Water Faucet 1	4.1 ppb	NA*
2	Classroom	235	Cold Water Faucet 1	<1.0 ppb	NA*
2	Adult Bathroom	244	Cold Water Faucet 1	2.5 ppb	NA*
2	Classroom	247	Bubbler 1	<1.0 ppb	NA*
2	Classroom	253	Bubbler 1	1.9 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	304	Cold Water Faucet 1	4.4 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	308	Cold Water Faucet 1	51 ppb	16 ppb
3	Hallway	314	Bubbler 1	1.7 ppb	NA*
3	Hallway	314	Bubbler 2	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Hallway	314	Bubbler 3	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom/Science Lab	341	Cold Water Faucet 1	65 ppb	12 ppb
3	Boys Bathroom	342	Cold Water Faucet 1	3.3 ppb	NA*
3	Boys Bathroom	342	Cold Water Faucet 2	4.4 ppb	NA*
3	Boys Bathroom	342	Cold Water Faucet 3	3 ppb	NA*



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Samples Collected on 4/13/2017					
Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
3	Classroom	343	Cold Water Faucet 1	9.4 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom/Science Lab	347	Cold Water Faucet 1	102 ppb	11 ppb
3	Hallway	348	Bubbler 1	21 ppb	2.2 ppb
3	Hallway	348	Bubbler 2	4 ppb	NA*
3	Hallway	348	Bubbler 3	3.6 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	349	Cold Water Faucet 1	8.1 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom/Science Lab	350	Cold Water Faucet 1	40 ppb	30 ppb
3	Classroom/Science Lab	353	Cold Water Faucet 1	351 ppb	313 ppb
3	Classroom/Science Lab	356	Cold Water Faucet 1	22 ppb	11 ppb

\*Second draw samples are only analyzed if first draw samples are above 15 ppb.

Samples Collected on 9/23/2017					
Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
2	Hallway	212	Bubbler 1	1.3 ppb	NA*
2	Hallway	212	Bubbler 3	1.8 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 1	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 2	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 3	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 4	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	307	Cold Water Faucet 5	1.7 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	308	Cold Water Faucet 1	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	309	Cold Water Faucet 1	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	309	Cold Water Faucet 2	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	309	Cold Water Faucet 3	7.5 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	309	Cold Water Faucet 5	2.5 ppb	NA*
3	Hallway	348	Bubbler 1	<1.0 ppb	NA*
3	Office	363	Bubbler 1	1.9 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	365	Bubbler 1	6.4 ppb	NA*
3	Classroom	365	Cold Water Faucet 1	5.4 ppb	NA*

\*Second draw samples are only analyzed if first draw samples are above 15 ppb.

Samples Collected on 9/29/2017					
Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
BS	Boys Locker room	104	Cold Water Faucet 4	2.6 ppb	NA*
1	Hallway	118	Bubbler 2	<1.0 ppb	NA*
1	Kitchen	120	Cold Water Faucet 13	<1.0 ppb	NA*

\*Second draw samples are only analyzed if first draw samples are above 15 ppb.

**Notes**

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Floor	Function/ Space	Room	Fixture Type	Notes
3	Classroom/Science Lab	341	Cold Water Faucet 1	Not a potable water source. Not used for cooking or drinking.
3	Classroom/Science Lab	347	Cold Water Faucet 1	Not a potable water source. Not used for cooking or drinking.
3	Classroom/Science Lab	350	Cold Water Faucet 1	Not a potable water source. Not used for cooking or drinking.
3	Classroom/Science Lab	353	Cold Water Faucet 1	Not a potable water source. Not used for cooking or drinking.
3	Classroom/Science Lab	356	Cold Water Faucet 1	Not a potable water source. Not used for cooking or drinking.

**What is being done in response to the results?**

All drinking and cooking water outlets that tested with lead levels above the action level (15 ppb) were removed from service, and remediated.

**What are the health effects of lead?**

Lead is a metal that can harm children and adults when it gets into their bodies. Lead is a known neurotoxin, particularly harmful to the developing brain and nervous system of children under 6 years old. Lead can harm a young child's growth, behavior, and ability to learn. Lead exposure during pregnancy may contribute to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. There are many sources of lead exposure in the environment, and it is important to reduce all lead exposures as much as possible. Water testing helps identify and correct possible sources of lead that contribute to exposure from drinking water.

**What are the other sources of lead exposure?**

Lead is a metal that has been used for centuries for many purposes, resulting in widespread distribution in the environment. Major sources of lead exposure include lead-based paint in older housing, and lead that built up over decades in soil and dust due to historical use of lead in gasoline, paint, and manufacturing. Lead can also be found in a number of consumer products, including certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, foods, plumbing materials, and cosmetics. Lead seldom occurs naturally in water supplies but drinking water could become a possible source of lead exposure if the building's plumbing contains lead. The primary source of lead exposure for most children with elevated blood-lead levels is lead-based paint.

**Should your child be tested for lead?**

The risk to an individual child from past exposure to elevated lead in drinking water depends on many factors; for example, a child's age, weight, amount of water consumed, and the amount of lead in the water. Children may also be exposed to other significant sources of lead including paint, soil and dust. Since blood lead testing is the only way to determine a child's blood lead level, parents should discuss their child's health history with their child's physician to determine if blood lead testing is appropriate. Pregnant women or women of childbearing age should also consider discussing this matter with their physician.

### **Do elevated lead levels in school drinking water pose a serious risk to students and staff?**

The risk to students and staff is low for many reasons. The elevated lead levels identified by the recent round of water testing are not likely to represent the levels seen throughout the day. The recent testing was conducted on water that had remained in pipes overnight. The lead concentration drops sharply after the first use of the day as stagnant water is cleared from the pipes and new, fresh water is brought in from the water main – which is virtually lead-free. In addition, for most students and staff, the amount of water consumed from a school water source during a school day is likely to be small when compared to total daily water consumption. Many of the elevated water samples came from fixtures that are not typically used for drinking, including bathrooms, slop sinks, and laboratories. Given all of these factors it is unlikely that these elevations represent conditions that would pose a health risk, however, if a person drinks sufficiently large quantities of water at those high levels over long periods of time, the risk increases. Nonetheless, if you are concerned about exposure to lead, talk to your doctor about having you or your child tested for lead poisoning.

### **Who is at risk for lead poisoning?**

Children under 3 years of age are the most susceptible and vulnerable to the health effects of lead. Lead also poses a risk to the developing fetus. Exposure to lead may interfere with a child's growth and development.

### **What do we know about rates of lead poisoning in NYC children?**

Rates of lead poisoning among NYC children have been falling. In 2015, 5,371 New York City children younger than 6 years of age were identified with blood lead levels of 5 mcg/dL or greater. This represents an 18% decline from 2014 when there were 6,550 children with blood lead levels of 5 mcg/dL or greater, and an 86% decline since 2005 when there were 37,344 children with blood lead levels of 5mcg/dL or greater.

### **Additional Resources**

**For more information regarding the testing program or sampling results go to:**

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/schools/watersafety.htm>

**For information about lead in school drinking water, go to:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead\\_testing\\_of\\_school\\_drinking\\_water.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead_testing_of_school_drinking_water.htm)

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/LeadTestinginSchoolDrinkingWater.html>

**For information about NYS Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention, go to:**

<http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/>

**For more information on blood lead testing and ways to reduce your child's risk of exposure to lead, see "What Your Child's Blood Lead Test Means":**

<http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2526/> (available in ten languages).