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Dear NPS Family Member,

At Newark Public Schools, our students' health and safety is our highest priority. With that in mind, I am writing to notify you that we annually test a number of locations throughout our school district for the presence of lead in drinking water. Most recently, we tested water at all of our schools and discovered that in 30 school buildings one or more samples indicated elevated levels of lead in the water. In those schools, we are providing bottled water for students and staff for drinking and food preparation.

Your school was not one of those that found elevated levels of lead in the water in this recent round of testing. We are writing to you simply to make you are aware of what is happening in other school buildings in the district.

There is nothing we take more seriously than the health and well-being of our students. We are working with officials at the Newark Mayor's Office, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, the NJ Department of Health, and the NJ Department of Education to coordinate additional resources and support, and are following the recommendations and guidance of experts in this area on the appropriate next steps in our schools.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call our contact center at 973-733-7333.

Sincerely,

Chris D. Cerf