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Dear Old Farmers Road School Community,

We are writing to you today to report **GOOD NEWS** regarding recently conducted follow-up testing for lead in drinking water at the Old Farmers Road school. As you may already be aware, the State of New Jersey recently passed a law requiring all public schools to test for lead in drinking water prior to July 2017. In December we shared that 4 of the 42 water outlets tested at Old Farmers exceeded the lead action level and required further follow-up. Additional testing of those 4 outlets was performed on December 26, 2016. The follow-up testing involved repeating the initial test with standing water and then performing a second test after flushing the system. The use of flushed water is intended to best represent actual use. **We are happy to report that all 4 water outlets were below the action level as established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]) utilizing the flushed water.** Even though the follow-up samples have tested below the action level the District will be taking the added precaution of changing the fixtures and associated plumbing on all classroom outlets that initially failed.

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The results are also available on our website at wtschools.org. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact District Facility Manager A.J. Whitmore at 908-876-3616 x1027.

Information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead can be found by visiting the EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead, calling the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, and contacting your health care provider.

Sincerely,

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