

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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September 9, 2016

To the Miller Place School District Community:

As you may be aware, in late spring and over the summer the District contracted with J.C. Broderick & Associates, Inc. to assess areas where students and staff access drinking water for the possibility of lead contaminant. The firm collected water samples from various locations throughout Andrew Muller Primary School, Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School, North Country Road Middle School and Miller Place High School. The collection of water samples by certified licensed professionals was done in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) protocols, which determines the standards for school drinking water.

The following information, is in part, the process that was followed and water testing results:

- Protocols were followed to determine the possibility of lead in drinking water
  - Pipes were flushed in each building allowing for standing water of not less than 8 hours and not more than 18 hours
  - Sample (draw) #1 was obtained at each site
  - Water was run for 30 seconds at the fixture
  - Sample (draw) #2 was obtained at each site
  - All samples at each site were analyzed by an independent lab
- Samples were taken from 171 high risk areas in different locations including:
  - Kitchen food preparation sinks
  - All water fountains in classrooms and hallways
  - Classrooms that have “bubblers” (water fountains built into the sinks)
  - Classrooms sinks where there is no water fountain
  - Faculty rooms
  - Break rooms
  - Ice machines
- Medium and low risk areas for water consumption were not tested such as slop sinks and showers.
- Of the 171 samples tested, lab results from the first draw noted 35 sites with levels above the 20ppb (parts per billion) which was the recommended level for remedial action.
- Of the 35 sites which were recommended for action, the second draw indicated only 2 faucets exceeded the 20ppb.

As a safety precaution, prior to the start of school on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, the District remedied each of the 35 locations with the addition of a water filter, replacing the aerator with a certified lead-free aerator, and/or replacing the fountain.

For your review a copy of the following documents can be accessed via the District website, under the Facilities Department tab:

- ✓ J.C. Broderick & Associates, Inc. Report for Lead in Water Testing at Miller Place School District
- ✓ Chart of 35 locations which exceed the EPA recommended levels with the remedial action taken

The health and safety of our students, staff and community is a top priority. We will continue to re-evaluate our testing results as additional guidance is received from various state and federal authorities, and will continue to update the community accordingly. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Dennis Warsaw, Director of Facilities, or me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano  
Superintendent of Schools