



August 31, 2016

Dr. Deborah L. Wortham
Superintendent of Schools
East Ramapo CSD
105 S. Madison Ave.
Spring Valley, NY 10977

RE: Lead testing in the schools

Dear Dr. Wortham,

During the last few weeks Eisenbach & Ruhnke Engineering, P.C. and the Rockland County BOCES have tested all high and medium priority drinking water sources throughout the district as defined in the EPA regulations. Results have been received for 9 of the schools and results from the remaining buildings will be received by September 1. Elevated results were found in the buildings.

The District's response to results found have been to immediately turn off all high priority drinking water sources which includes water fountains, bubblers, kitchen faucets, nurses room faucets and any other faucet typically used for either cooking, drinking or making coffee. During the last few days District personnel have been working with our firm and the Rockland County BOCES to effect this response.

In addition, signs in English, Spanish, Creole and Yiddish are being installed at all faucets with elevated reading directing people not to use the water for drinking. The District is also obtaining coolers with 5 gallon bottles of water and installing them where corridor fountains and / or nurses offices drinking water sources were elevated. Another portion of the initial response has been to change faucets in kitchens that would impact operation of the school on an immediate basis.

The long term response to the test results will be as follows:

- a. All drinking water fountains and bubblers will be replaced and retested before the water is turned on.
- b. All classroom faucets with elevated reading will be replaced and retested before they are made available for drinking use.
- c. In the event it is found that a faucet still has elevated readings and it is determined that it is the source supplying the faucet is the cause then the faucet will be re-piped and retested.
- d. Bathroom faucets will not be replaced but signs will remain in place telling students not to drink the water.
- e. In some buildings problems were found with either equipment or faucets in kitchens. Where necessary to maintain operation of the school the faucet is being replaced immediately. In all cases the faucet or piece of equipment was turned off and will not be turned back on until clear samples are received.

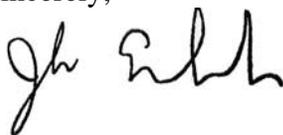
The district has obtained NYS Education Department's authorization to do all the remedial work as district wide capital project in order to obtain building aid to assist in paying for this work. The necessary documentation to obtain the aid is being processed.

Reports documenting the findings and responses are being prepared and will be available to all personnel and the public as soon as possible. The results for each building will be available in the school when school begins next week.

The District is being proactive to correct the problems and insure that the use of drinking water is safe and meets all federal standards.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jh Eisenbach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Jh" and a distinct "Eisenbach" following.

Jack Eisenbach
President

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