

The School at McGuire Memorial

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires that all schools test water annually for lead. For the 2020-2021 school year, our testing occurred on Dec. 17, 2020. Samples from all water outlets were taken and sent to the lab for testing. The results indicated that four outlets contained lead levels that were above the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) acceptable benchmark. None of the outlets that tested high were from drinking sites and none were currently in use due to COVID school closure. It is important to note that at the time of testing, our building had been essentially unoccupied for over a month and therefore the water had been sitting stagnant in the pipes. We immediately implemented a plan of corrective action which included flushing the system and retesting the outlets.

The retest occurred on Jan 7, 2021. Our corrective action was largely successful in that 3 of the 4 outlets passed on the retest. The results for the fourth site (a nonessential pot washing sink in the kitchen) were lower but still above the acceptable range. We implemented another corrective action plan that included replacing the faucet and flushing that outlet again. The retest for that outlet occurred last week and we are awaiting the results. Please be assured that this outlet will not be used for any purpose until a satisfactory test result is received. If the results are still high, we are confident that the experts we are working with will be able to help us identify and implement an appropriate course of action.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at klieb@mcguirememorial.org.

With regards,

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