



# Denville Township Schools

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## **Denville Community Lead Testing Update April 21, 2016**

The final report from Westchester Environmental is taking longer than previously reported due to EPA and NJ Department of Environmental Protection protocols for lead testing in schools. The District and Westchester Environmental are following the prescribed protocols for testing and remediation closely. The protocols require follow-up testing of the 12 outlets that tested positive to rule out false positives or other sampling errors. In the meantime all drinking water in Riverview School and Valleyview School will remain off. The District will continue to have a supply of bottled water available at Riverview School and Valleyview School, and we also ask that you continue to send your children to school with a bottle of water each day until further notice.

It is very important to note that the Denville Township water supply has historically been well below the EPA guidelines for lead and there is no evidence the elevated lead counts in those 12 outlets is related to the water itself. However, in order to provide greater reassurance, the Township has performed tests of the water supply at the entry point into Riverview School and Valleyview School. The results of this test will also be made available to the public. [Click here](#) for the Denville Water Quality Webpage which includes reports back to 2009. As you will note, the lead results for the public water supply was certified in 2015 (for the 2014 Water Quality Report) as 3 parts per billion, well below the action level of 15 parts per billion established by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection or the 20 parts per billion established by the EPA.

For more information please [click here](#) for the water testing webpage on the Denville Schools website. The page includes links to reports and sites that offer a wealth of information on the subject. Please be assured that once the final report is received by the Denville Township Board of Education it will be posted on the District website.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Superintendent of Schools, Steven Forte at [sforte@denville.org](mailto:sforte@denville.org) or 973-983-6530.