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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and 2017 is off to a great start. I'm writing to provide you with an update regarding our school drinking water sources and to share the results of our most recent testing for lead.

As you may recall, I last wrote to you in September 2016 to inform you that the Bergenfield Board of Education planned to retest any water source showing traces of lead. Additionally, I indicated that we would continue to keep water fountains turned-off and provide bottled water until we received a report indicating that water fountains were certified safe without any detection of lead. As promised, we have followed through with our plan and have the latest test results posted on our district web site at www.bergenfield.org/water.

I'm very happy to report that after replacing fountain parts and installing water filters, the district's clean water access has improved significantly. Our most recent report indicates that we now have a total of 114 water fountains district wide showing no detection of lead. Therefore, these water fountains will be turned-on and will be available immediately for regular use.

However, the latest report also indicates that a total of 26 water fountains continue to indicate some traces of lead. Although 23 of these 26 fountains are in the "acceptable range" according to NJDEP standards, we will remain cautious and keep them turned-off. We plan to replace these fountains during the summer of 2017 and bottled water will continue to be made available at those fountain sites.

I hope it's clear that we take the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously and are committed to ensuring that your child has access to safe drinking water at school.

We appreciate your continued patience and support as we navigate this complex process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school principal or the Board Office. Thank you for your kind consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Christopher Tully
Superintendent of Schools