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**Shannon M. Whalen, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

Gateway Regional High School District contracted with Epic Environmental Services, LLC of Pittsgrove, NJ to conduct mandated State lead testing of water outlets in our buildings. These tested outlets included water fountains, sinks, and hose bibs. Water samples were taken from the High School and Administration Building on June 11<sup>th</sup>, analyzed and verified by the laboratory on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and received by the district on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Water was allowed to stay motionless in each facility for a minimum of eight hours prior to sampling. After this time of inactivity, an “initial draw” sample was collected from the first water to come out of the outlet. After the initial draw sample was collected, water was allowed to flush for 30 seconds, and a second “flush” sample was collected. The purpose of the flush sample is to help determine if contamination does exist, whether it is originating from the outlet itself or from the building’s plumbing.

Three (3) of the 68 samples taken exceeded the US Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) action levels of 15 ug/L {ppb}. PPB stands for parts per billion. In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, we will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 ug/L (ppb).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 ug/L for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action the District is taking.

Sample Location	Sample Result in ug/L (ppb)	Remedial Action
GRHS-100-K-3-COMP2B Kitchen 3 compartment sink (middle sink)	26.4	Taken out of service
GRHS-MSGLR-WC Middle School Girls Locker Room Water Cooler	121	Taken out of service
GRHS-CONC-S-66-66F Concession Stand Sink	17.7	Taken out of service

At this time, permanent solutions for each of these locations are being evaluated. The district will issue a follow up report and notify staff, students, and parents as these solutions are implemented.

The complete testing results are available on the front page of the District's website at [www.gatewayhs.com](http://www.gatewayhs.com). For additional questions, please contact Tom O'Donnell, Facility Director, at 856-848-8200 x264.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead), call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shannon M. Whalen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Shannon M. Whalen  
Superintendent