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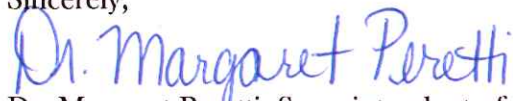
Dear Harrison Township School Community Members:

On November 19, 2016, Harrison Township was the first school district in the county to conduct the state mandated lead testing of water from all 131 potable water outlets in our two schools. The testing was completed by South Jersey Water Test, LLC of Williamstown, NJ and results were verified on December 16, 2016. Although this testing was required by June 30, 2017, we did not delay as the safety of our students, staff and community is our highest priority. These tested outlets included water fountains and sinks throughout the district. The specific results of this extensive testing will be posted to our school district website.

The results reflected that, of the 131 samples, two classroom sinks, one at HTS and one at PVS, were found to exceed the DEP action level. This is approximately 1.53% of the overall sample taken. The sink at PVS has not been used for at least this school year and the sink at HTS is a classroom sink, not used for consumption. Even though these sinks are not used for consumption, they were immediately shut off to ensure they would not be utilized. The state protocol with any outlet that tests lead at or above 15 PPB is to proceed with a flush sample, which we have planned and a follow up report will be shared when this action is completed. As a note and according to our professional consultants in this area, a part per billion or PPB can be equated to a drop in an Olympic size swimming pool.

Once again, we moved quickly with this testing and we are responding in a proactive and conservative manner, with work and focus beyond the requirements of the mandate, to ensure the utmost safety of our students, staff and community members. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any specific questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dr. Margaret Peretti, Superintendent of Schools