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RE: Drinking Water Quality in School

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada
Superintendent of Schools

John P. Carr
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

There has been considerable national and local media attention on water quality in schools, specifically lead in drinking water. The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Board of Education want to assure our families that school drinking water is safe.

Schools that receive water from a public water system, such as the Yonkers Public Schools, are not required by federal or state law to conduct sampling for lead in their drinking water. To protect public health, the EPA suggests that schools and day care facilities test their drinking water for lead. In this pursuit, the BOE and COY initiated a comprehensive water testing program aligned with the EPA's 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools – training, testing, telling.

The BOE is collaboratively working with the COY Water Bureau's New York State Certified Laboratory to sample and test every drinking water source at every school. If any test results reveal health-safety concerns, appropriate immediate action was taken to disable the fixture.

Gorton High School drinking water outlets were sampled and tested the week of April 30, 2016. The vast majority of drinking water outlet test results were confirmed negative – no actionable levels of lead were found. Actionable levels of lead were found in 1 water outlet. These water outlets were immediately disabled and will be removed or replaced. A copy of the test results is available at the school; please contact Principal Gail Joyner-White.

Resource information is available on the District's website, you can visit <http://yonkerspublicschools.org/about-health-drinking-water-safety.php>. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 376-8008.

Sincerely,

John P. Carr

C: Board of Education Trustees
Dr. E. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools



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RE: Calidad del agua potable en las escuelas

Estimados padres/encargados

Los medios de comunicación, locales y nacionales, han tomado en gran consideración el tema de la calidad del agua en las escuelas, específicamente en lo que tiene que ver con la existencia de plomo en el agua potable. La Ciudad de Yonkers y la Junta de Educación deseamos que nuestras familias tengan la certeza de que el agua potable de las escuelas es sana y segura para beber.

Las escuelas que reciben agua de un sistema público, como es el caso de las Escuelas Públicas de Yonkers, no están obligadas por las leyes federales o estatales a conducir pruebas de plomo en el agua potable. Para proteger la salud pública, la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA por sus siglas en inglés) sugiere que las escuelas y los centros de cuidado infantil inspeccionen su agua potable para descartar la presencia de plomo. Para alcanzar esta meta, la Junta de Educación y la Ciudad de Yonkers iniciaron un programa integral para examinar el agua el cual está alineado con la iniciativa de la EPA conocida en inglés como 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools – training, testing, telling (3T para Reducir el Plomo del Agua Potable en las Escuelas – Capacitar, Comprobar, Informar).

La Junta de Educación trabaja en colaboración con el Departamento de Agua de la Ciudad de Yonkers y su laboratorio certificado por el Estado de Nueva York para probar y examinar todas las fuentes de agua potable en cada una de las escuelas. Si algún resultado revela causas de preocupación para la salud, se tomarán medidas inmediatas para deshabilitar la fuente o fuentes en cuestión.

Las fuentes de agua potable de Gorton High School fueron probadas y examinadas durante la semana de Abril 30, 2016. La gran mayoría de los resultados fueron negativos – no se encontraron niveles que requieran acción. Se encontraron niveles que requieren acción en 1 fuentes de agua. Estas fuentes fueron deshabilitadas inmediatamente y serán removidas o reemplazadas. Si desea obtener una copia de los resultados, favor comuníquese con el Director Gail Joyner-White.

Puede encontrar más información en nuestra página de internet en <http://yonkerspublicschools.org/about-health-drinking-water-safety.php>. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llámenos al 376-8008.

Atentamente,

John P. Carr

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NY Lab ID No. 10176

Method of Analysis EPA Method 200.8 Rev. 5.4

BOE ID#	Lab ID #	Date of Collection	Sample Description	Initial / Flushed	Lead Concentration ug/L	Date of Analysis	ACTION TAKEN
001	16-5795	4-30-16		Initial	1.42	5-5-16	
003	16-5797	4-30-16		Initial	LT 1.00	5-5-16	
004	16-5798	4-30-16		Initial	LT 1.00	5-5-16	
006	16-5800	4-30-16		Initial	6.30	5-5-16	
008	16-5802	4-30-16		Initial	1.91	5-5-16	
010	16-5804	4-30-16		Initial	2.70	5-5-16	
012	16-5806	4-30-16		Initial	1.25	5-5-16	
014	16-5808	4-30-16		Initial	LT 1.00	5-5-16	
016	16-5810	4-30-16		Initial	LT 1.00	5-5-16	
018	16-5812	4-30-16		Initial	2.03	5-5-16	
020	16-5814	4-30-16		Initial	1.22	5-5-16	
022	16-5816	4-30-16		Initial	1.29	5-5-16	
024	16-5818	4-30-16		Initial	3.78	5-23-16	
026	16-5820	4-30-16		Initial	1.78	5-5-16	
028	16-5822	4-30-16		Initial	2.46	5-5-16	
030	16-5824	4-30-16		Initial	5.55	5-5-16	
032	16-5826	4-30-16		Initial	3.84	5-5-16	
034	16-5828	4-30-16		Initial	5.21	5-5-16	
036	16-5830	4-30-16		Initial	12.3	5-5-16	
037	16-5831	4-30-16		Flushed	8.94	5-9-16	
038	16-5832	4-30-16		Initial	2.10	5-5-16	
040	16-5834	4-30-16		Initial	4.35	5-5-16	
042	16-5836	4-30-16		Initial	LT 1.00	5-5-16	
043	16-5837	4-30-16		Initial	2.39	5-5-16	
045	16-5839	4-30-16		Initial	LT 1.00	5-5-16	
047	16-5841	4-30-16		Initial	1.20	5-9-16	
049	16-5843	4-30-16		Initial	LT 1.00	5-9-16	
051	16-5845	4-30-16		Initial	LT 1.00	5-9-16	
052	16-5846	4-30-16		Initial	3.04	5-9-16	
054	16-5848	4-30-16		Initial	1.99	5-9-16	
055	16-5849	4-30-16		Initial	4.25	5-9-16	
057	16-5851	4-30-16		Initial	5.66	5-9-16	
059	16-5853	4-30-16	Faucet Rm. 216	Initial	123	5-11-16	SHUT OFF
060	16-5854	4-30-16	"	Flushed	8.48	5-12-16	
061	16-5855	4-30-16		Initial	3.55	5-11-16	
G--01	16-14025	10-15-16		Initial	1.45	12-10-16	
02-A	16-14026	10-15-16		Initial	6.99	12-10-16	
03-B	16-14027	10-15-16		Initial	4.26	12-10-16	
04	16-14028	10-15-16		Initial	3.97	12-10-16	
05	16-14029	10-15-16	Faucet #2- Lab Room 225	Initial	53.2	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
06	16-14030	10-15-16		Initial	Requires Digestion		
07	16-14031	10-15-16	Faucet Sink 3 Room 224 - 3rd Fl.	Initial	19.7	12-10-16	SHUT OFF

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08	16-14032	10-15-16	Faucet Sink 4- North Faucet - Rm 224 - 3rd Fl.	Initial	1720	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
09	16-14033	10-15-16	Faucet Sink 5- South Faucet - Rm 224 - 3rd Fl.	Initial	30.5	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
10	16-14034	10-15-16	Faucet Sink 7- East Faucet - Rm 224 - 3rd Fl.	Initial	119	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
11	16-14035	10-15-16		Initial	8.80	12-10-16	
12	16-14036	10-15-16	Faucet Sink - Room 223-B	Initial	49.8	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
13	16-14037	10-15-16	Faucet Sink 4- Room 223- 3rd Fl.	Initial	239	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
14	16-14038	10-15-16	Faucet Sink 5- South Faucet Room 223- 3rd Fl.	Initial	64.6	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
15	16-14039	10-15-16	Faucet Sink 5- North Faucet Room 223- 3rd Fl.	Initial	56.5	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
16	16-14040	10-15-16		Initial	11.1	12-10-16	
17	16-14041	10-15-16		Initial	7.73	12-10-16	
18	16-14042	10-15-16		Initial	10.4	12-10-16	
19	16-14043	10-15-16	Faucet Sink -outside B.R. - 221	Initial	98.4	12-10-16	POSTED
20	16-14044	10-15-16	Faucet Sink 5 - Room 220 - 3rd Fl.	Initial	72.5	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
21	16-14045	10-15-16		Initial	12.6	12-10-16	
22	16-14046	10-15-16		Initial	2.85	12-10-16	
23	16-14047	10-15-16		Initial	12.0	12-10-16	
24	16-14048	10-15-16	Faucet Sink West - Rm. 216 - 3rd Fl.	Initial	4660	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
25	16-14049	10-15-16	Faucet Slop Sink - South side Hall - 3rd Fl	Initial	17.1	12-10-16	POSTED
26	16-14050	10-15-16	Faucet Sink right of door - Rm.213 - 3rd F	Initial	122	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
27	16-14051	10-15-16	Faucet-AP Office-2nd Fl. Rm # 212	Initial	48.2	12-10-16	SHUT OFF
28	16-14052	10-15-16		Initial	1.74	12-12-16	
29	16-14053	10-15-16		Initial	4.62	12-12-16	
30	16-14054	10-15-16	Faucet 1- Girl's B.R.-1st Fl. -Rm-107	Initial	52.6	12-12-16	SHUT OFF
31	16-14055	10-15-16		Initial	6.78	12-12-16	
32	16-14056	10-15-16		Initial	6.25	12-12-16	
33	16-14057	10-15-16	Faucet in stall - Girl's B.R.- Rm-107	Initial	28.3	12-12-16	SHUT OFF
34	16-14058	10-15-16		Initial	2.09	12-12-16	
35	16-14059	10-15-16		Initial	8.75	12-12-16	
36	16-14060	10-15-16	Principal's Office Bathroom	Initial	87.2	12-12-16	POSTED
37	16-14061	10-15-16		Initial	1.17	12-12-16	
38	16-14062	10-15-16		Initial	2.47	12-12-16	
39	16-14063	10-15-16		Initial	9.25	12-12-16	
40	16-14064	10-15-16		Initial	3.63	12-12-16	
41	16-14065	10-15-16		Initial	8.98	12-12-16	
42	16-14066	10-15-16		Initial	2.77	12-12-16	
43	16-14067	10-15-16		Initial	4.20	12-12-16	
44	16-14068	10-15-16		Initial	5.47	12-12-16	

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45	16-14069	10-15-16		Initial	2.08	12-12-16	
46	16-14070	10-15-16		Initial	3.44	12-12-16	
47	16-14071	10-15-16		Initial	LT 1.00	12-12-16	
48	16-14072	10-15-16		Initial	10.7	12-12-16	
49	16-14073	10-15-16		Initial	4.97	12-12-16	
50	16-14074	10-15-16		Initial	5.07	12-12-16	
51	16-14075	10-15-16		Initial	6.43	12-12-16	
52	16-14076	10-15-16		Initial	6.09	12-12-16	
53	16-14077	10-15-16		Initial	11.5	12-13-16	
54	16-14078	10-15-16	Faucet - Room 5	Initial	43.4	12-13-16	SHUT OFF
55	16-14079	10-15-16	Faucet - Slop sink-Basement -Stairway 4	Initial	24.4	12-13-16	POSTED
56	16-14080	10-15-16		Initial	LT 1.00	12-13-16	
57	16-14081	10-15-16		Initial	2.97	12-13-16	
58	16-14082	10-15-16		Initial	3.31	12-13-16	
59	16-14083	10-15-16		Initial	4.05	12-13-16	
60	16-14084	10-15-16		Initial	4.93	12-13-16	
61	16-14085	10-15-16		Initial	13.2	12-13-16	
62	16-14086	10-15-16		Initial	3.88	12-13-16	
63	16-14087	10-15-16		Initial	3.33	12-13-16	
64	16-14088	10-15-16	Faucet - Sink- Room 15	Initial	3350	12-13-16	POSTED
65	16-14089	10-15-16		Initial	10.0	12-13-16	
66	16-14090	10-15-16	Faucet - Room 13A	Initial	27.7	12-13-16	SHUT OFF
67	16-14091	10-15-16		Initial	Requires Digestion		
68	16-14092	10-15-16		Initial	4.49	12-13-16	
69	16-14093	10-15-16		Initial	7.19	12-13-16	
70	16-14094	10-15-16	Faucet 1-Room 10B-Staff Bath	Initial	23.6	12-13-16	SHUT OFF
71	16-14095	10-15-16		Initial	4.34	12-13-16	
72	16-14096	10-15-16		Initial	2.79	12-13-16	
73	16-14097	10-15-16		Initial	9.26	12-13-16	
74	16-14098	10-15-16		Initial	3.05	12-13-16	
75	16-14099	10-15-16		Initial	7.16	12-13-16	
76	16-14100	10-15-16		Initial	1.52	12-13-16	
77	16-14101	10-15-16		Initial	1.65	12-13-16	
78	16-14102	10-15-16	Spigot east side of Cafeteria	Initial	71.7	12-13-16	SHUT OFF
79	16-14103	10-15-16		Initial	11.6	12-13-16	

OUTLETS SAMPLED	112
OUTLETS ACTIONABLE	25
OUTLETS PENDING	2
POST 9-6-16	79