



Atlantic City School District

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Dear Uptown School Complex School Community:

The Atlantic City Board of Education (District) is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. As part of our commitment, the District entered into a voluntary program headed by Region 2 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate lead in our school's drinking water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggests that schools and day care facilities test their drinking water for lead. If lead is found at a water outlet where water can be consumed at levels above 20 parts per billion (ppb), EPA recommends taking action to reduce the lead.

High levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems. Lead is most hazardous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years old. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At very high levels, lead can even cause brain damage.

Representatives from the EPA sampled the water at Uptown School Complex for lead on June 28, 2011. Of the twenty-two (22) locations tested, two (2) showed lead levels above the 20 ppb mark. In other words, 91% of the water outlets tested did not have any lead problems.

The first outlet with high lead levels was a water fountain in the hallway near the Girl's Locker Room. The water fountain in the Girl's Locker Room has been permanently taken out of service.

The second outlet with high lead levels was a water fountain in the 2nd floor hallway near Room 2048, (Custodial Closet). The water fountain in the 2nd floor hallway near Room 2048 has been permanently taken out of service.

Copies of all water testing results can be reviewed at the school district's central office, which is open Monday to Friday (8:00 am to 4:00 pm) and our Web site at (www.acboe.org).

For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact the Operations Department at 609-343-7200. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or state drinking water agency.