June 17, 2025

Grice Middle School Hamilton Twp. School District 901 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Rd

Dear Grice Middle School Community,

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, Hamilton Twp. School District tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, Grice Middle School will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign will be posted.

## **Testing Results**

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within Hamilton Twp. School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 22 samples taken, all but 2 tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15  $\mu$ g/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action Hamilton Twp. School District has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	1rst Draw Result in	Remedial Action
	μg/l (ppb)	
Kitchen Sink H-GMS-06-A	430	Lead filter installed
Room 106 H-GMS-13-A	3030	Previously posted do not drink, filter installed
Room 106 H-GMS-14-A	20	Previously posted do not drink, filter installed
Room B105 bubbler H-GMS-18-A	170	Removed from Service
Hallway fountain H-GMS-21-A	16.7	Filter installed
Hallway fountain H-GMS-22-A	35.8	Filter installed

All outlets passed testing after remedial work was performed.

## For More Information

A copy of the test results are available in our website htsdnj.org. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact John Miranda, Facilities Director, 609-431-6100 x4173.

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**, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

If you are concerned about lead exposure at this facility or in your home, you may want to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood.

Sincerely,

John Miranda Director of Facilities Hamilton Twp. School District