September 2, 2016

Dear Riverdale Families,

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

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, Riverdale School will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 ug/l (parts per billion [ppb]). At this time, we will have water coolers at specific locations for use by the building inhabitants. In addition, students may bring water bottles to school until further notice.

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection we completed a plumbing profile for the Riverdale School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the thirty-eight (38) samples taken, all but three (3) tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 ug/l [ppb]). As a precautionary measure, all water fountains will not be operational.

A copy of the test results is available in the Riverdale Board of Education Office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel and parents between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and is also available on our website at www.rpsnj.org. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Mrs. Debra Andreniuk, School Business Administrator at 973-839-1300 extension 103.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit the EPA’s website at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Sincerely,

Vicki J. Pede
Superintendent