



January 20, 2017

**Re: Unacceptable Lead and Copper Levels
in the Water at Summit Elementary School**

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members:

Prior to the start of this school year, the District had routine tests performed on Summit Elementary School's water supply by an independent testing company. As you may know, the School's water is supplied from two wells located on the property.

Shortly after August 15, 2016, the District received the test results which indicated both lead and copper levels exceeding acceptable water standards. The lead levels found in the District's water supply were as follows:

Test Date: August 15, 2016

Sample No. 1	13 Parts per billion
Sample No. 2	45 Parts per billion
Sample No. 3	25 Parts per billion
Sample No. 4	39 Parts per billion
Sample No. 5	35 Parts per billion

Test Date: August 29, 2016

Sample No. 1	55 Parts per billion
Sample No. 2	18 Parts per billion
Sample No. 3	34 Parts per billion
Sample No. 4	32 Parts per billion
Sample No. 5	41 Parts per billion

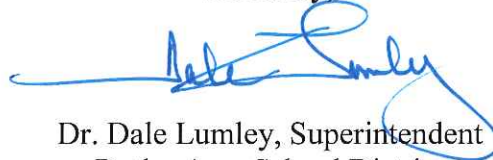
Lead levels in excess of 15 parts per billion are unacceptable and require the District to develop and implement an "Action Plan." In response to the test results, the District Maintenance Director contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to review its obligations. On September 27, 2017, the DEP, via email from Mr. Thomas Blair, outlined the District's responsibilities under the Pennsylvania Lead and Copper Rules (LCR). The District's Maintenance Director has been working with the DEP in an effort to appropriately address the water quality issues identified in the testing and the District's responsibilities as outlined in Mr. Blair's email. This process is lengthy in nature and the District will not be able to resume use of the well water for drinking or washing for an indefinite period of time.

This letter is the first step of many to fully inform the parents, students, staff and community of the water test results; the extent of the problem; the steps taken to protect the students, staff and visitors to the School; the efforts to date to correct the situation; and, any safety concerns related to the water quality at Summit Elementary School. Please carefully read the attached "Important information about Lead in Your Drinking Water" notification form.

The District has taken the steps listed below in order to ensure that the students, staff, parents and visitors to the School do not drink or consume well water. These steps include:

1. All drinking fountains have been shut-off and "bagged" in the Summit Elementary School.
2. Bottled water will continue to be provided throughout the building.
3. Hand sanitizer will be used in the bathroom.
4. All students, staff and visitors will be informed of the water quality issues and expressly told not to drink or consume in any form Summit Elementary School's well water, only bottled water.
5. Signs indicating that well water must not be consumed will be posted throughout the School.
6. Well water will only be used in toilets and urinals.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dale Lumley, Superintendent
Butler Area School District

Enclosures

cc: Board of School Directors
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PA Department of Environment Protection