



March 15, 2018

Dear Parents:

After obtaining potable water service from PA American Water for Summit Elementary, Butler Area School District has continued to conduct testing of the water at the school to ensure that the elevated lead issues associated with the well water previously used at the school would not reoccur.

Today we received the results for testing conducted on February 21, 2018 that showed that the water does not contain detectable levels of lead. However, one sample from Room 9 contained level of copper in excess of the PA DEP's action level. Copper is not considered a contaminant, but testing is done for copper to give an indication of the corrosivity of the potable water.

Copper levels in excess of the Action Level typically are caused by water that has been stagnant in the lines leading to the drinking water fixtures. In order to ensure that the water does not contain an excessive level of copper, it is important for consumers to flush the drinking water fixtures for a short period of time to move fresh water to the fixture. Moving forward, we will ensure that we flush the faucets at Summit Elementary each day before school.

The following is information from the PA Department of Environmental Protection: "Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor."

A copy of the most recent results will be posted to our website. As always, we are committed to ensuring all of our schools are safe and healthy learning environments for our students and staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian White".

Brian J. White, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent
Butler Area School District