



Ashford Public Schools

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September 8, 2020

To the Students, Families, and Staff of School:

On August 28, 2020 required water test samples were submitted from various locations in Ashford School. Upon testing the samplings for lead and copper, some water taps at our school had lead levels that exceed the Connecticut Action Level for lead in drinking water at schools and early education and child care facilities. See sample results below provided to us on September 4, 2020. The Connecticut Action Level for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (also known as parts per million).

We would like to inform you about our plans to reduce potential exposure to lead in drinking water at our school. Lead is not believed to be in our water source but plumbing and fixtures in our buildings may contain lead, resulting in an increase in the lead content in tap water. Exposure to lead is a concern because lead is a toxic metal that has a range of adverse health effects.

Sampling Results		
Date Sample Collected	Location	Lead result in mg/L
08/28/2020	Classroom #25	0.0302 mg/L
08/28/2020	Classroom #36	0.0200 mg/L

The administration takes these results very seriously and is moving immediately to safeguard the health of the students, faculty and staff. The following information describes steps we are taking to address the issue of lead in the water. The chief water systems operator was on site today to begin review and tracing of the source causing these readings and to provide guidance on treatment and resolution.

To safeguard our students and other sensitive individuals (including woman who are pregnant or nursing), our school is working closely and cooperatively with Connecticut DPH and taking actions as follows:

What we are doing:

1. We have removed from service all taps with lead levels over the Action Level.
2. We are implementing a public information process that will include distribution of outreach material to all students, parents, teachers, staff and local officials.

3. We are implementing a flushing and water usage plan to safeguard against lead exposure from drinking water in the school at outlets that are found to be above the Connecticut DPH Action Level for lead. This includes the daily flushing of water fountains and/or faucets at sinks and the limitation of water consumption to cold-water faucets for food and beverage preparation.
4. Through periodic reports, we will keep you informed as to the progress of our efforts. These reports will serve to let you know what has been done and what is being done to safeguard against lead exposure from drinking water at our school.
5. Increased monitoring for lead and copper will be performed.

If you have any questions on this information please contact me via email at jplongo@ashfordct.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Longo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James P. Longo, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

cc: File
Ashford Board of Education
Town of Ashford
Enrolled Students/Staff

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

CONSUMER NOTIFICATION OF LEAD TAP WATER MONITORING

Public Water System ID: CT0030152

Public Water System Name: Ashford Elementary

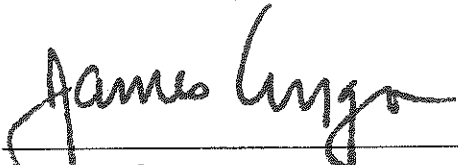
Public Water System Town: Ashford

Notification of lead tap water monitoring results for the period: 1/1/2018-12/31/2020

Consumer Notices delivered within 30 days after learning of the results: Yes No

Note: A sample copy of the consumer notification of tap results must be submitted with this certification.

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that it has provided a notice of the individual tap results from lead tap water monitoring carried out under the requirements of Code of Federal Regulations 141.86 to the persons served by the water system at the specific sampling site from which the sample was taken in accordance with the reporting, content, and delivery requirements of Code of Federal Regulations 141.85(d).



Signature of owner or operator

09/08/2020
Date