



**Kevin Moran**

October 6, 2023

Chief School  
Operations Officer  
Department of  
Education

Dear Families and Staff:

This is a follow up to a letter informing you that your school's water outlets would be tested for lead in 2023.

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Street  
New York, NY  
10007**

On **September 22, 2023**, all operational sources of water at **P.S. 212 - Queens (P.S. 212 at 34-25 82 Street Queens, NY 11372)**, including for drinking or cooking, were tested for the presence of lead. The laboratory results showed elevated levels of lead in **5 of the 113 samples** outlets from which water was taken and tested. Any drinking or cooking outlet with elevated levels was immediately taken out of service, and will remain out of service until it is successfully remediated. Details of elevated results are attached and complete test results are posted on the DOE website at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/Q212>. Click "Reports" and look for the "Facilities" heading.

The test results include water outlets that are not used for drinking or cooking, including handwashing sinks. Sinks will have clear signs indicating "Hand Washing Only" and "Not for Drinking Use." The custodial staff will continue to flush the **P.S. 212 - Queens** water systems on Monday mornings and after holidays to eliminate stagnant water. This is part of our comprehensive protocol to ensure safe drinking water for students and staff in each and every school. To learn more about the protocol please visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/space-and-facilities/space-and-facilities-reports/water-safety>

We will keep you updated on the remediation work at **P.S. 212 - Queens**, and thank you for your patience and support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin Moran', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin Moran



**A NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STAFF**

**P.S. 212 - Queens**

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**34-25 82 Street Queens, NY 11372**

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Safe and healthy school environments can foster healthy and successful children. To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYSDOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels equal to or above 5 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 5 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), the NYSDOH requires that the school take action to reduce lead exceedance.

**What are the initial first draw testing elevation results?**

Samples Collected on 09/22/2023				
Floor	Function / Space	Closest Room	Outlet Type	Sample Results (ppb)
01	Kitchen	KITHEN	Cold Water Faucet 2	380 ppb
01	Kitchen	KITHEN	Pot Filler 1	49 ppb
02	Classroom	201	Bubbler 1	10.3 ppb
03	Bathroom	306A	Cold Water Faucet 1	6.27 ppb
SB	Gymnasium	SB23	Water Cooler 1	18.5 ppb

**What is being done in response to the results?**

Each of the affected drinking or cooking outlets, have been taken out of service and will remain out of service until remediation work is completed and future testing provides results below the action level. Outlets that are not used for drinking or cooking that tested with lead levels above the action level (5 ppb) will remain in service for hand washing only, with "Hand Washing Only" and "Not for Drinking Use" signs posted.