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Dear Parents and Staff:

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The Readington Township School District is committed to protecting the health of our students, teachers, and staff. On December 18, 2019, the district informed the community that one hand washing sink in the Readington Middle School cafeteria tested positive for Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria. This was the result of regular testing of drinking water for contaminants performed by a certified lab in accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations.

The district immediately took proactive measures including providing bottled water to students, teachers, and staff, supplying an alternative water source to the kitchen for cooking and providing alternative lavatories. The district further shut off one well servicing the 8th Grade hallway at Readington Middle School.

Readington Middle School is serviced by two separate wells for drinking and potable water. Although one well is shut off, the second well remains open as a potable and drinking water location, as it currently tests negative for contamination. Therefore, there is full access to water and restrooms in the remainder of the building.

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you of secondary test results, which are pass or fail, conducted on December 18, 2019. Today, the New Jersey DEP notified the district the raw water from the shutoff well tested positive for trace amounts of Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria.

The district is working with the New Jersey DEP to investigate the cause of contamination and to correct the issue as quickly as possible. Five additional samples were taken today and inspections of the premises occurred. We are working actively with the New Jersey DEP to ensure everyone's safety and that appropriate measures are undertaken. We shall continue to provide bottled water until the NJDOE clears the district to reopen the closed well following remediation.

The water testing results for Holland Brook School, Whitehouse School, and Three Bridges School are non-detectable. Therefore, no action is required for those buildings.

Our school nurse and staff shall continue to monitor the students in case there are any adverse health implications. If your child experiences any unusual symptoms, you are encouraged to reach out to your family physician. For more information, please visit this link sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Health: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ecoli.shtml>

Please be assured that we take the health and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff very seriously. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Don Race, Facilities Manager, at 908-534-2859.

Sincerely,

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