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This information is intended to answer any questions and provide clarification on the voluntary water testing conducted in 2017 throughout the District. Please contact the District Office if you have additional questions not addressed below.

- In February 2017, District officials decided to voluntarily test all water sources in every District building.
- The testing was conducted by Westchester Environmental, LLC, an independent group that specializes in water testing.
- The testing included kitchen sinks, maintenance faucets, lavatory sinks, drinking fountains, classroom sinks, and bubblers.
- The testing included all 778 District water sources.
- The threshold used throughout the testing was the EPA recommendation of 15 Parts per Billion (PPB).
- The three-part testing process involved an initial test in February 2017, a follow-up flush test in April 2017, and final post-remediation testing in November 2017.
- The initial screening found 69 outlets required further testing and potential action. The District decided to replace faucet hardware on these and had them retested. At that point, only 17 remained with a level at 15 PPB or above. All of the 17 outlets were either taken out of service or fixed with a filter.
- A plan for continued testing was developed that includes two schedules of testing. Drinking water will be tested every two years, and other sources are to be tested every four years.
- Even though they tested to be under the recommended limit, these outlets not intended for drinking received a sign indicating the water is “not for consumption” as they will not be tested as frequently.
- The testing process overview and the results of this testing were discussed and shared at a public School Board meeting on May 1, 2017.
- From the start of the testing in 2017 to the present day, any source of water within the District has been verified to provide water that is within the EPA recommendations.
- The end result of District testing and remedial action has resulted in all sources providing water that is healthy to drink. Additionally, the District plan to continue testing will help ensure that students, employees, and guests can have confidence in the water quality at each of our buildings.