



July 12, 2017

RE: District-wide Water Test Results

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In response to the recent water quality issues facing public school districts in Pennsylvania, the Board retained the professional services of Gannett Fleming, Inc. at its May 10, 2017, public meeting. Gannett Fleming was directed to conduct water quality testing of every water source (fountain, sink, etc.) within the School District that could reasonably be used as a source of drinking water or a source of water for food preparation. Gannett Fleming identified Two Hundred and Sixty-Two (262) such water sources throughout the entire School District.

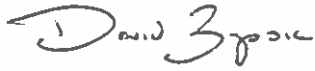
In May, Gannett Fleming gathered water quality samples from each of these sources in accordance with the standards and procedures established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The water quality samples were sent to an independent laboratory for testing. In late June, the School District received the test results from Gannett Fleming which are summarized below. A full and complete copy of the test results is posted on the School District's website www.southbutler.org. Please take the time to review this information.

Of the 262 water sources tested, seventeen (17) water sources came back with lead levels at or above the Department of Environmental Protection's Action Level of 0.015 mg/L or 15 parts per billion. Another nine (9) water sources came back with lead levels at or above fifty percent (50%) of the DEP Action Level for lead. In addition, three (3) water sources came back with copper levels at or above the Department of Environmental Protection Action Level of 1.3 mg/L. Another nineteen (19) water sources came back with copper levels at or above fifty percent (50%) of the DEP Action Level for copper. A total of thirty-eight (38) water sources District-wide came back with lead and/or copper levels within these established parameters.

Upon receiving the test results, the School District took immediate action to shut down and post each of the thirty-eight water sources to prevent anyone from using or consuming water from those sources. In addition, Gannett Fleming is conducting a second round of testing on each of the thirty-eight (38) water sources to help identify the problem and formulate a remediation recommendation. In the interim, these water sources will remain out-of-service. The location and a description of each water source is enclosed.

The School District is working closely with Gannett Fleming to identify and correct the water quality issues discovered through this testing process. Additional information will be provided when available. If you are concerned about the possible past consumption of water from any of these water sources, you should review the information posted on the School District's website, www.southbutler.org and/or contact Assistant Superintendent Rick Cavett, cavetr@southbutler.net or 724-352-1700, ext. 5610.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Zupsic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dr. David Zupsic
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Board of School Directors