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Dear Families and Staff:

This is a follow-up to a **June 24, 2024** water test results notification letter. I am pleased to share we have successfully completed remediation work at **P.S. 161 - Manhattan** (P.S. 161 Pedro Albizu Campos at 499 West 133 Street, Manhattan, NY 10027). On **June 13, 2024**, all operational sources of water at **P.S. 161 - Manhattan**, including for drinking or cooking, were tested for the presence of lead. The final laboratory results indicate that there are **no elevated levels of lead in any of the outlets**.

Details of prior elevated results are attached and complete test results are posted on the DOE website at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/M161>. Click "Data and Reports" and look for the "Facilities" heading.

Out of an abundance of caution, the custodial staff will continue to flush the **P.S. 161 - Manhattan** water systems on Monday mornings and after holidays before school starts, to eliminate stagnant water. This is part of our robust protocol to ensure safe drinking water is available for students and staff.

Please visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/space-and-facilities/space-and-facilities-reports/water-safety> to learn more about the protocol we use to ensure the safety of drinking water in each and every school.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We wish you and your students a wonderful rest of the school year.

Sincerely yours,

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

Kevin Moran



A NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STAFF

P.S. 161 - Manhattan

P.S. 161 Pedro Albizu Campos

499 West 133 Street, Manhattan, NY 10027

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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 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 06/13/2024				
Floor	Function / Space	Room	Outlet Type	Sample Results (ppb)
02	Classroom	220	Bubbler 1	5.43 ppb
MZ	Boys Bathroom	M43	Cold Water Faucet 1	11.90 ppb
MZ	Boys Bathroom	M43	Cold Water Faucet 2	11.80 ppb

What are the post-remediation testing results?

Samples Collected on 08/03/2024					
Floor	Function / Space	Room	Outlet Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
02	Classroom	220	Bubbler 1	6.06 ppb	<1.0 ppb
MZ	Boys Bathroom	M43	Cold Water Faucet 1	4.86 ppb	NA*
MZ	Boys Bathroom	M43	Cold Water Faucet 2	2.29 ppb	NA*

Samples Collected on 09/13/2024					
Floor	Function / Space	Room	Outlet Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
02	Classroom	220	Bubbler 1	5.46 ppb	<1.0 ppb

Samples Collected on 10/01/2024					
Floor	Function / Space	Room	Outlet Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
02	Classroom	220	Bubbler 1	3.08 ppb	NA*

*Second draw samples are only analyzed if first draw samples are above 5 ppb.

What is being done in response to the results?

All drinking and cooking water outlets that tested with lead levels above the action level (5 ppb) were removed from service, and remediated.