



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

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Division of Finance and Business Services

Deadlines: Testing of Lead in School Drinking Water: **August 31, 2022**
Submission of Statement of Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE):
August 31, 2022
Submission of Water Testing Reimbursement Application to the NJDOE: **August 31, 2022**

NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE 2021-2022 Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water

The NJDOE has not received your Local Education Agency's (LEA)'s Statement of Assurance (SOA) concerning testing for lead in school drinking water as required by [N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4](#). Water testing and the submission of the SOA to the NJDOE should have been completed by June 30, 2022. Notifications of these requirements were provided via the following broadcast messages: [March 2021](#), [June 2021](#), [March 2022](#), [May 2022](#), and [June 2022](#).

In accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(l)*, a district board of education's failure to comply with water testing requirements may result in any of the following:

1. The district board of education's disqualification for reimbursement for water testing;
2. The NJDOE's initiation of an investigation by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance; and,
3. Any provision in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.2*.

Additionally, the NJDOE will post a list of non-compliant LEAs on its website prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Refer to the [May 25, 2022 NJDOE Broadcast](#) and the NJDOE's [Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water webpage](#) for detailed instructions. Please note, a webpage address that provides direct access to the water testing results is required as part of the SOA submission. Links to the entity's homepage, which require further navigation to the webpage on which the water testing results are accessed, are not acceptable.

Questions regarding the NJDOE Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water program should be directed to leadtesting@doe.nj.gov.