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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Yesterday, the water system at Dickerson School experienced a loss of pressure due to a service line blockage resulting in the school being temporarily without water. In trying to correct the problem, the water system was shut down for longer than the four hour allowable window according to NJDEP guidelines. In learning of this, our action was swift and immediate in officially shutting down the water until further notice and reporting the issue to the NJDEP. The actions needed to correct this problem are fairly standard and we do not anticipate this taking a great deal of time.

However, this morning we made certain that there was bottled water and hand sanitizer available for all of our students and faculty. We are working in concert with the professionals from our water treatment company and representatives of the NJDEP to correct any deficiencies as soon as possible. Further tests will be completed on a continuous basis until we determine our water is safe for drinking. We will notify you immediately when this problem is corrected.

In order to keep you well informed on the parameters of safe drinking water, we are also enclosing some guidelines produced by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Safe Drinking Water. However, the health and safety of our children is always of the most paramount importance to us and we feel it is best to offer them bottled water until this situation is corrected.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office (908)879-7373 or to email me at vanwoert@chester-nj.org.

Respectfully,



Christina Van Woert, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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