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STATEMENT FROM WEST ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

UPDATE ON LEGIONELLA TESTING (December 11, 2018)

Edison Central Six School

Dear Edison Central Six School Parents and Guardians:

Testing for the presence of Legionella bacteria in the water system was conducted at Edison Central Six in August. The building's entire water system underwent a series of super chlorination and flushing processes that were performed by an environmental consulting firm with expertise in the bacteria.

We received the retesting results after the chlorination process was completed. All but eight (8) samples came back negative for Legionella. A Nephros filter has been installed on all eight (8) outlets.

The health & well-being of our staff and students are our top priority. We are taking this situation very seriously and will continue to work through a long term interactive water management plan until all areas are remedied.

Please note that healthy people exposed to Legionella in drinking water are at little risk of contracting Legionnaire's disease. Drinking water poses a risk only to select individuals with underlying immune-deficiency diseases, to include those who are:

- 50 years or older
- Have lung disease, are current or former smokers or alcoholics
- Have kidney disease, diabetes or cancer
- Organ transplant recipients

During the winter recess, additional risk assessments are taking place, long term treatment options and additional chlorination processes are being evaluated, and aggressive hot and cold water flushing will be performed at Edison Central Six.

Water will continue to be provided to students and staff until the short-term remediation process is completed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eveny de Mendez