

A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending November 4, 2016

Water Testing and the

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Community Voice

The health and safety of the CHPS community are, as always, our top priority. And we value our community members' involvement in all discussions.

This week, as you have likely heard, we received the results of the first round of water tests being conducted in all 19 of our schools. To date, seven schools – Harte, Johnson, Mann, Sharp, Stockton and Woodcrest Elementary Schools, as well as the Alternative High School/Malberg Administration Building – were tested. A total of 209 samples were taken from 201 outlets providing water for drinking, food preparation and/or nurses' office water were sampled. Of those 201 outlets, nine – at Harte, Johnson, Mann, Sharp and Woodcrest – tested above the Lead Action Level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [PPB]). All of the nine water outlets testing above the Lead Action Level were taken out of service immediately.

All parents/guardians in the affected schools were sent letters regarding the specific locations of the outlets taken out of service in their schools. These letters are posted on each school's respective web site. [A letter to the CHPS community regarding the testing process and a complete list of test results to date are posted on the district web site.](#) I encourage you to read all of these documents thoroughly.

I also would like to correct recent media reports that the Woodcrest kitchen was one of the locations where a water outlet tested above the Lead Action Level. This was reported based on an error on the charts posted on the district web site. The water outlet in question is not in the kitchen at Woodcrest, but rather in room 20. Like all other outlets that tested above the Lead Action Level, it was taken out of service immediately. All information on the testing result charts is now correct.

In the coming weeks, the [potable water](#) outlets in our remaining 12 schools will be tested. Those school communities will be notified about the dates their testing will take place. School communities with outlets that test above the Lead Action Level will be notified,

Community Conversations: CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future

November 14 @ CHWest, 7 pm

December 7 @ Malberg Administration Building, 2 pm

Community Survey available at www.chclc.org/board-of-education/vision-for-the-future

Election Day

November 8

SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 10 & 11

BOE Work Session

November 15 @ 7 pm
Malberg Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

EARLY DISMISSAL

November 23

SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 24 & 25

EARLY DISMISSAL ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

Conferences
November 28-December 1

BOE Action Meeting

November 29 @ 7 pm
Malberg Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

any such outlets will be taken out of service, and all test results will be added to [the results already posted on the district web site](#).

We have received questions and comments from community members during this process and expect to continue a dialog as we formulate a long term plan based on the test results. We value all communication from the community. If you have questions regarding the water testing process, please email our Director of Facilities, Tom Carter, at thcarter@chclc.org. If you have concerns about lead exposure at your school or in your home, I encourage you to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood. As a district, we are applying a process of examining the overall results and developing an action plan as we move forward.

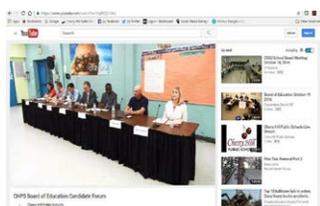
As always, please become and stay involved in your school community. Take every opportunity available to be informed and to make your voice heard. We will continue to provide updates on our water testing as we receive the results.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



Candidates' Forum Video Available on YouTube, Candidate Bios on Web Site

Election Day is just a week and half away! If you missed the Zone PTA-sponsored Board of Education Candidates' Forum, moderated by the League of Women Voters on October 19, [you may view the video of the forum on YouTube](#).

Cherry Hill
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



A Clear Vision for the Future

Community Conversations Open Discussion about Goal Work for CHPS

The Cherry Hill Public Schools wants your input about the future of our



Reminder: Please Complete Online "Paperwork"

The Cherry Hill School District has received the required online beginning-of-the-year, District level "paperwork" from about 50 percent of our registered families. We ask that those who have not completed these forms to do

Seven candidates are vying for three open seats on the Cherry Hill Board of Education. The candidates are running for three-year terms.

In ballot order, the candidates running in this year's election are: Ruth Schultz, Ian Morris, Edward Wang, Steve Robbins, Fredrick Dande, Joseph Gerace, and Jane Scarpellino.

[Bios with information about the seven candidates vying for three open seats on the Cherry Hill Board of Education are available by clicking here.](#)

Submitted by the candidates, these bios are listed in ballot order.

facilities, staffing, curriculum and more. The second and third Community Conversation meetings will take place on Monday, November 14 in the Cherry Hill High School West Library at 7 pm, and on Wednesday, December 7 in the Malberg Administration Building at 2 pm.

All members of the Cherry Hill Community are invited attend one or more of the meetings to discuss the goal work of the district with Superintendent Dr. Joseph Meloche.

Can't come to a meeting? Read an overview of Goal 4 and add your comments and suggestions at www.chclc.org/board-of-education/vision-for-the-future.

so as soon as possible.

The new electronic processing is part of Cherry Hill Public School's continuing effort to enact sustainability practices whenever possible. The quick, 4-step process is outlined on the web site via the link <http://www.chclc.org/parents>

Families unable to complete this process online may pick up paper forms at the main office of their school(s).

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the main office of your child's school.

Thank you for completing these necessary documents, and for helping us expand our efforts to be "green."