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Dear Holicong Middle School Community,

We hope you have been enjoying your summer. We are writing to keep you informed about routine testing of the water supplied to Holicong Middle School. As you may know, the school's drinking water is supplied by a well. Four other schools in the district -- CB East, Tohickon Middle School, Gayman Elementary School, and Groveland Elementary School -- also get their water from a well.

In fall 2023, the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) set new regulations for drinking water. The regulations established new maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) -- chemicals in the PFAS family. The previous limit was 70 parts per trillion, and schools were not required to test for the compounds. The new MCL limit is 14 parts per trillion. For at least the past 10 years, the water supplied to the five district schools with wells met all DEP requirements.

In response to the new regulations, and following normal operating procedures, the district tested the water at each of the five well-supplied schools in February and April 2024. On both occasions, test results for the water from the Holicong well were all below the new limits. Test results from the other schools' wells were also below the new limits, with the exception of the water from the well that supplies CB East. The CB East community was first informed of this development in early March, and the district quickly installed filters at 30 locations that supply drinking and cooking water at CB East. Before the filters' installation on March 10 and 12, bottled water was provided to all students and staff.

DEP has shared that a notification to the community about water testing and subsequent results is not required until all four quarters of sampling are completed and indicate results above the new limits. There are two more quarters of sampling left. Regardless, we wanted to make sure the Holicong community is aware of this testing process.

As always, the safety of our students, faculty and staff is our utmost priority. We will continue to monitor the water supplied to our five schools via wells, including through additional testing over the next two quarters as required by DEP. We will keep you informed should there be any updates to share.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work together to keep our students and school environment safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Yann
Central Bucks School District

Kevin Spencer
Director of Operations

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