



# St. Gregory the Great Academy

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Dear Parents,

Peace be with you! As you may know, the New Jersey Department of Education recently enacted regulations stipulating that all public schools have their drinking water tested for lead prior to July 31, 2017. While we are not a public school, the health and well-being of our students is of the highest priority, and thus St. Gregory the Great Academy has voluntarily complied with this regulation.

As you may remember, St. Gregory the Great Academy contracted with PARS Environmental for water testing to occur in April 2016, prior to the regulations promulgated by the Department of Education. At that time, several samples were taken from designated areas which provide water for drinking and cooking. After review of our report, the Diocese of Trenton recommended that the ice machine be tested as well, since this was not in the scope of the private testing which occurred in April 2016. Water samples from the ice machine were tested in June of 2017. The summary results are as follows:

**The USEPA National Primary Drinking Water Regulations requires that immediate action be taken if samples from any drinking water outlet exhibit lead concentrations greater than (>) 15 parts per billion (ppb). Exceedance of the 15 ppb action level was not identified at the Academy. A total of sixteen (16) water samples were collected and analyzed in April 2016, and one (1) additional location, an ice machine, was sampled in June 2017.**

You may access the full report on our website, under Campus Life → Compliance Documents, or by following this link: <http://stgregorythegreatacademy.org/documents/2017/8/LeadReportH2O2017.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

May peace and every blessing be yours,



Jason C. Briggs  
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