**Water Testing**

Act 39 of 2018 adds a [new Section 742](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=1949&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=14&chpt=7&sctn=42&subsctn=0) to the school code that relates to lead testing of drinking water in schools. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year and every year thereafter, schools may test for lead levels in the drinking water. If the test reveals lead levels exceeding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s national primary drinking water regulations, the school must implement a remediation plan to ensure student safety. Lead testing is not required by this new section of the code. However, schools electing to not test for lead in their drinking water must, instead, “discuss lead issues in the school facilities” at a public meeting. In the best interest of the safety of our students and staff, Muhlenberg School District has chosen to conduct lead water testing in each of our schools.

For the 2020-2021 school year, tests were conducted at the Muhlenberg High School (14 samples), Muhlenberg Middle School (12 samples), C.E. Cole Intermediate School (5 samples), and Muhlenberg Elementary Center (9 samples). All of the original 40 samples tested were found to be safe for drinking and cooking per EPA water lead testing guidelines. Muhlenberg School District will repeat this testing procedure each school year. The certified test results from each school are posted below.