# Pemberton Township Schools

PEMBERTON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today, PECEC experienced a problem with the well pump that affected the water pressure to our school building. The drop in pressure made our toilets, sinks and fountains unable to operate, so we took immediate action to ensure our staff and students would still have access to bathroom facilities. Portable toilets were ordered, and while awaiting delivery, we arranged to have buses transport staff and students next door to the high school to use the facilities there. A temporary water truck was delivered to begin to pump water to the school, but before we had to put all of the contingency plans in place, I'm happy to report that the PECEC well pump was repaired and all toilets and sinks were back fully functioning by approximately 10:30 am.

However, because of the temporary loss of water pressure, we have been notified by the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection that a potential threat to the drinking water supply may exist. We are required to distribute the attached notification, and will continue to provide bottled water for drinking until we have been notified by the EPA that the water is safe to drink. This notice does not affect the use of our toilets and sinks, which will operate as normal.

The outstanding cooperation of our students and staff, along with the expertise and support of our facilities department and administration, allowed us to calmly navigate this issue with patience and resolve. We thank everyone involved and once again, assure you that the safety, security and well-being of your child remain our highest priority.

Sincerely,

Deborah Ceplo

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Assistant Director of Early Childhood/

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## **BOIL WATER ADVISORY**

## **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

#### FOR CUSTOMERS OF PEMBERTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NJ0329332

**PEMBERTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER** is providing notification that a loss of pressure has occurred within the distribution system which has caused customers within our service area to *be without water and experience a loss of pressure*. A potential or actual threat to the quality of water being provided to you currently exists. As a precaution, we are implementing a *system wide* Boil Water Advisory until testing of the water supply is deemed satisfactory.

#### What should I do? What does this mean?

Effective immediately and until further notice, customers within the impacted service area are instructed to bring tap water to a rolling boil for one minute and allow the tap water to cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking; preparing foods; mixing baby formula, food, juices or drinks; washing vegetables and fruit; cooking; making ice; brushing teeth; and washing dishes until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

### The following measures are also recommended:

- Throw away uncooked food or beverages or ice cubes made with tap water during the day of the advisory;
- Keep boiled water in the refrigerator for drinking;
- Do not swallow water while showering or bathing;
- Rinse hand-washed dishes with a diluted bleach solution (one tablespoon of household bleach per gallon of tap water) or clean your dishes in a dishwasher using the hot wash cycle and dry cycle;
- Do not use home filtering devices in place of boiling or using bottled water; most home water filters will not provide adequate protection from microorganisms;
- Use only boiled water to treat minor injuries;
- Provide pets with drinking water that has been boiled (and cooled).

Please continue to boil your water or use bottled water until you are notified that the water quality is satisfactory. This advisory will remain in effect until repairs are completed and testing shows the water quality to be safe.

We are working as quickly as possible to restore your water quality. Thank you for your patience. If customers have any questions please contact:

at (609) 893-8141 ext. 1004

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