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September 25, 2017

Re: Stoke Trip

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians,

We received the following information from the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Campgrounds:

"We are currently having an issue with our well water, and we are electing to not use it for drinking water. We were hoping this issue would be resolved before your stay, but it doesn't look like it will be. We have been told by both the Health Department and DEP that the water is still safe and drinkable, but in the practice of exercising extreme caution, we have decided to use bottled water for all our groups renting Camp. We will have plenty of water available for you in gallon jugs, and you of course are welcome to bring your own and any other beverages you may want. The water is still fine for cooking, hand washing, showering, and all other uses.

A request was made by the WTSD Administration to obtain direct verification from the Sussex County Health Department or the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the safety of the water, as stated above. The following was sent by Mr. Joseph McNally from the DEP:

Yes, it is still safe to provide water to the public at your facility...The speciation of the total coliform positive samples showed E. Coli is NOT present in your drinking water, so the water can be used for consumption.

Providing bottled water is not required, but you may do so if you wish.

As a safety precaution, students will be using bottled water throughout the trip. As always, please contact Mrs. Garcia or Mr. Neuhs with any questions, and we are looking forward to an excellent trip!

Sincerely,

Mr. Keith T. Neuhs  
Superintendent

Mrs. Jessica L. Garcia  
Brass Castle Principal