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Dear Parent(s),

On September 6, 2016, the State of New York passed legislation requiring all public school districts to test potable [drinking] water systems for lead levels and take responsive actions anywhere the levels tested above permissible limits. New York State has determined the permissible lead level in potable water to be 15 micrograms per liter (mcg/L) or 15 parts per billion (ppb). The Environmental Protection Agency's permissible level is 20 ppb.

In late September, the district's potable water was tested for lead per the New York State Education Department's Lead Testing mandate. A total of 430 samples were tested including drinking fountains, sink faucets and outside sources such as hose spigots. All drinking fountains in all school buildings were found to be below the threshold [15 micrograms per liter].

At the Middle School, of the 104 samples taken, just three (3) samples exceeded the threshold of 15 micrograms per liter. Of those, two (2) are outside hose bibs/spigots. The remaining sample was a steam kettle hot water supply line that was used occasionally in food preparation. In response, we have removed the line, capped the connection and installed signage that prohibits use.

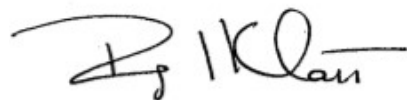
At the High School, of the 153 samples taken, 32 exceeded the threshold of 15 micrograms per liter. The majority of samples (30) were from sink faucets. The remaining two (2) were from outside hose bib/spigots.

At the Elementary School, of the 173 samples taken, six (6) of the samples that tested above the threshold were either indoor or outdoor hose bib/spigots.

The sources that failed the initial sampling will be retested and/or remediated, if applicable. Remediation measures may include, but are not limited to, replacement of plumbing or completely shutting down the water source as appropriate. Also required is signage notifying that those sources exceeding the threshold should only be used for hand-washing and/or cleaning. The required remediation measures for all sources exceeding 15 micrograms per liter have already been implemented.

In all, we are pleased that the primary sources of consumption being drinking fountains and faucets used for food preparation, with the exception of the steam kettle supply in the middle school, tested within the acceptable levels. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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Superintendent of Schools