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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts and BOCES to test potable water systems for lead and take responsive actions. We completed the required sampling on September 22, 2016, taking 91 samples in total. The samples were taken from water outlets that included: drinking fountains, classrooms faucets/sinks, and the cafeteria's outlets. All samples were collected based on the US EPA's 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and were sent to a Department of Health approved laboratory for analysis.

The NYS legislation states that if lead levels are above 15 parts per billion at any water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until remediation steps are taken, re-testing is performed and the results indicate that the outlet is in compliance.

The results of the initial sampling have identified one (1) location as above the 15 parts per billion action level.

They are:

Sample Location	Lead Level (in parts per billion)
Room 206 (Head Start Classroom)	15.8

This location has been taken out of service and follow up testing is being conducted; and it will not be placed back into service until remediation can be conducted and post-remediation sampling indicates that it is in compliance.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning. For more information about prevention and risks to lead exposure, please contact your family physician or consult the EPA's website www.epa.gov.

Please be assured that we continue to be diligent and proactive in efforts to keep our students and staff safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Bill Diamond
Superintendent