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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to update you on the steps the district is taking in response to the recent lead test results. Nine water outlets had lead levels exceeding the state-required action level of 15 parts per billion on the "first-draw" water testing. Each of the nine affected outlets have been taken out of service. A summary of the results, which was mailed home in our last letter and is available on the website, lists the locations of the outlets as well as the measured lead levels.

This has been troubling news but we are thankful to be informed. Quick compliance with the new state regulations regarding lead testing will enable us to identify and fix potential problems.

Additional samples were drawn this week on the affected outlets to help determine the source of the contamination - the fixture itself or the line that supplies it. We will be sending letters home to keep you informed as test results from these samples are received and a remediation plan is developed. No outlet will be placed back into service until testing has confirmed successful remediation of lead.

Water for drinking is still available from water fountains in the PK-1 hallway, 2-4 hallway, and middle school hallway, which have not been affected. Also, bottled water is now available all day from the cafeteria at no cost.

We recognize you may have specific medical questions so attached is a letter from Dr. Chris Kjolhede, our school physician and co-director of Bassett School Based Health Program.

Additional information is also available on the district website in the *News* section, under the *Parent* button, and under the *Departments* button in *Buildings & Grounds*. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Jennings