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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may be aware, recent legislation requires public schools in New York to test for lead in all water outlets that could be used for drinking or cooking. This letter is to inform you about the results of our "first draw" water testing completed on September 15th with the assistance of the ONC BOCES Safety Risk Management Office.

Of the ninety-nine water outlets (faucets, drinking fountains, etc.) throughout the school building, nine were found to have lead levels exceeding the state-required action level of 15 parts per billion. With this letter is a summary of the results including lead levels and locations of the outlets as well as a fact sheet about the risks associated with lead from the New York State Department of Health.

The school was notified of the test results on Thursday evening. Each of the nine affected outlets was immediately taken out of service before school opened Friday. As a measure of added safety, two additional outlets in the original building have also been taken out of service.

Additional testing will be conducted in an effort to pinpoint the specific source of the lead in each of the nine affected outlets. Once these results are verified, the district will develop a remediation plan to replace affected outlets or completely remove them. No outlet will be placed back into service until testing has confirmed successful remediation of lead.

We take these findings very seriously and are working to ensure that we can continue to provide safe, healthy drinking water for our students and staff. Water for drinking is still available from water fountains in the middle school hallway, PK-1 hallway, and 2-4 hallway. Also, bottled water will be made available from the cafeteria at a cost of 20 cents per bottle.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Jennings