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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Recent events in the news have highlighted water conditions in several cities across the country. Additionally, during the recent New York State legislation session, a bill was passed specifically pertaining to water testing in school districts.

As required by the new law, BOCES has taken samples from both drinking water sources such as water bubblers, drinking fountains, and sinks typically used for water consumption and custodial closet slop sinks, bathroom sinks, eyewash stations, hose bibs, and other locations that are not typically used as sources of drinking water.

The results of the testing revealed some locations with lead concentration above the New York State Department of Health requirement of 15 ppb (part per billion), this is a localized issue dealing with the water fixtures themselves not an issue pertaining to the water supply. These elevated levels can be a result of many factors, such as, age of the fixture (original construction) or lack of use. Per regulation, BOCES has labeled these sites with appropriate signage indicating non-potable water, hand washing only, and has begun the process of resampling to verify the lead source, fixture or piping.

Although the District has taken the action of labeling those affected locations, the students and staff still have locations for water such as drinking fountains that have tested below the standard. The students may still utilize those noted sink locations for personal hygiene use but not for drinking purposes. As stated, we have posted those locations so there is no confusion as to the use.

BOCES is in the process of resampling those locations that were above the 15 ppb limit for lead to comply with the law. Future actions may include fixture removal, replacement, or possible piping changes necessary to remain compliant with the law.

To view all of the sample results please visit our website (district website).

Please direct any questions regarding the lead sampling process to:

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