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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Approximately one year ago, there were several headlines in the news about high levels of lead contamination found in the drinking water of homes and schools in Flint, Michigan. Since that time, I know that there have been at least two school districts in New York State that have had similar issues. With high exposure to high lead levels possibly causing significant neurological damage to children, this has become a very important safety concern around the country.

To be proactive, the school board directed me last year to have our water tested at school, checking for any issues with contamination of high lead levels in our drinking water. In February of last year, we worked with Microbac Laboratories to test the water. A total of 15 samples were taken from our drinking fountains, cafeteria and nurse's office and then sent to their laboratory for analysis. I am pleased to report that all tests came back showing that we have less than .1 part per billion lead contamination, well below the 15 parts per billion that the Environmental Protection Agency has designated as the cut off. The testing shows that we do not have any issues with lead contamination in our water.

On Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Governor Cuomo signed into law a measure that requires all school districts in New York State to test for possible high levels of lead contamination. Luckily, we will be able to apply for a waiver for year one since we already had the testing completed. According to the new law, we will need to do the testing every five years.

If you have any questions about the testing we had completed or the new law, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 263-6102.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Matthew Sheldon  
Superintendent