



March 27, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to follow up on our previous correspondence regarding water testing and quality in our school district. You might recall that in the spring of 2016, we worked with our local authorities to confirm that the water supply being drawn toward our buildings was free of lead contamination. We also confirmed that the specific building pipes, which carry water into our primary, intermediate, middle, and high school buildings, were all replaced as part of the previous Capital Bond Project. Therefore, any lead pipes were switched with plastic or copper, and are fortunately without lead composition or contamination. We also took the opportunity, at that time, to begin screening our own site water supplies (in other words the fixtures in our drinking areas) for lead contamination, and enlisted the services of H2M Architects and Engineers who tested these areas in accordance with the EPA's (latest, at that time) – 2006 guidelines. Of the 308 locations tested, 292 were under the recommended 20 ppb on the first draw sample, and the remaining 16 came under the required threshold on the second draw, which occurred 30 seconds later. While this meant that all of our sites were technically manageable within guidelines, we immediately turned off the water in the 16 locations and remediated all areas to come under the 20 ppb threshold on the first draw.

In the fall of 2016, New York State issued additional water testing guidelines, which lowered the acceptable threshold to 15 ppb and included some suggestion that areas which might not traditionally be used for drinking (such as bathroom sinks), could soon fall under the same guidelines. Our district decided not to wait for further interpretation and tested over 450 locations for the new 15 ppb threshold. Our test indicated that 434 of the new test samples were below 15 ppm. In accordance with past practice, water was immediately turned off to the other locations. At the same time, supplies were ordered, and replacement parts are being installed as items arrive and maintenance crews get access to the locations. As with past communications, and in the continued spirit of full disclosure, areas determined to be in need of remediation are listed below. Please note that none of these sites were considered problematic under previous guidelines. However, in accordance with enhanced procedures the areas have been tested and are being switched out to meet the new threshold.

Our remediation plan is as follows:

Oakwood	
Forum sink west	Change faucet and supply tubes
Forum sink east	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 100	Change faucet and supply tubes
Countrywood	

Boys' Bathroom sink (adjacent to room 505)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 300	Change faucet and supply tubes
Girls' Bathroom sink (adjacent to cafeteria)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Birchwood	
Room 135	Change faucet and supply tubes
Maplewood	
Room 117	Change faucet and supply tubes
Silas Wood	
Room 114	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 110	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 120C	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 121	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 123D	Change faucet and supply tubes
Men's Bathroom sink	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 222	Change faucet and supply tubes
Library Room	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 227	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 227	Change faucet and supply tubes
Kitchen Sink	Change faucet and supply tubes
Stimson	
Boys' Bathroom sink (300 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Girls' Bathroom sink (300 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 217	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 219	Change faucet and supply tubes
Boys' Bathroom sink (400 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 221	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 221	Change faucet and supply tubes
Walt Whitman High School	
Boys' PE sink (south locker room, coaches office)	Supply tubes and aerator
Room 225	Change faucet and supply tubes
ADA Bathroom sink (near room 227)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 227	Change faucet and supply tubes
Women's Bathroom sink (by room 212)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Men's Bathroom sink (lower 600 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Men's Bathroom sink (lower 600 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Men's Bathroom sink (lower 600 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Women's Bathroom sink (lower 600 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Teachers' Center sink (400 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Teachers' Center sink (400 wing)	Change faucet and supply tubes
Women's Bathroom sink (north gym lobby)	Change faucet and supply tubes
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Memorial	
Room 102	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 102	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 101	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 104	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 104	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 106	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 106	Change faucet and supply tubes
Room 418B	Change faucet and supply tubes
Teen Center	
Boys' Bathroom sink	Change sink, change faucet and supply tubes
Girls' Bathroom sink	Change faucet and supply tubes
Girls' Bathroom sink	Change faucet and supply tubes
Kitchen 2 nd Floor sink	Change faucet and supply tubes
2 Melville	
Has no faucets above 15 ppm	
District Office	
Has no faucets above 15 ppm	

As always, we will keep in touch, share any new information, and maintain open lines of communication regarding this very important issue. Rest assured that the health and safety of our students and staff will always remain paramount to the team.

Be well and have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,



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