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Dear Parents:

As I announced at the Board of Education meeting in June, in response to reports of water contamination in the national news over the past year, we initiated the voluntary testing of our water for lead utilizing state approved testing labs Pace Analytical Testing Laboratories. We commenced testing of 450 samples taken from a variety of sources in the elementary, middle and high schools, including classroom sinks and drinking fountains, hallway drinking fountains, bathroom sinks, science sinks, and kitchen sinks.

Over the summer, we received final notification of the testing results have found that approximately 60 of the over 450 samples were found with lead levels exceeding 15 ppb (parts per billion), which is the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) maximum contaminant level.

What we have found is that the lead source is coming from old fixtures and not from our water source, so we have been able to remediate almost all of these areas before the start of school by replacing those fixtures following technical guidance from the US Environmental Protection Agency. Retesting is expected to take place next week.

While most of the positive testing samples were in sinks, some were found in classroom drinking fountains in the elementary school where the water has now been shut off. The affected classrooms (Mr. Ferrone, Mrs. Dawes, Ms. Metzler) have been provided with water coolers and fresh water until retesting is completed. The water from the sink in the middle school Family and Consumer Science room, was also a location of concern, and will no longer be used for cooking until it has been retested.

More information regarding this can be found on our website at www.ccs.edu, where I have posted all of the testing reports for each of the three buildings. In addition, I have posted a link to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) document “3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools”, which is our primary guidance document.

I will keep you posted as we find out the results of the retesting and move into the final phase of recertifying our drinking water as safe for all.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Stephen L. Grimm, Ed.D
Superintendent