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Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

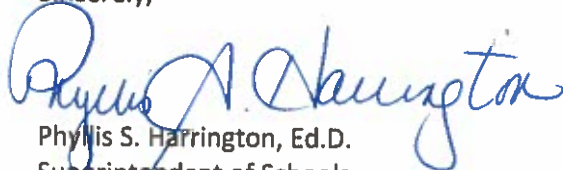
Prior to any mandate, our School District retained the services of an environmental consultant firm to voluntarily perform sampling of all High Priority Water Outlets that are outlets regularly used for drinking or cooking for the presence of lead. Any drinking water outlets that revealed concentrations above the Federal Guideline action level were immediately removed from service and remedial actions were performed. Water outlets returned to service only after resampling results revealed a concentration of lead below the action level. The laboratory report issued by the environmental consultant for this sampling was posted on the District's website.

On September 6, 2016 the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) adopted an emergency regulation entitled *Lead Testing in School Drinking Water* (10 NYCRR Subpart 67-4) mandating school districts perform sampling for the presence of lead of all potable water fixtures currently, or potentially used for drinking or cooking purposes in their buildings. Although this emergency regulation generally required the same testing methodology as previously performed by the school district, it did impose a stricter action level for lead, and also required specific community and health department agency notifications and additional sampling. The school district again retained the services of the environmental consultant to ensure our compliance with this new emergency regulation.

Potable water sources that tested with lead levels above the action level were remediated. In cases where a sink is utilized for hand washing, cleaning or instruction only, a sign was posted at the outlet indicating that the sink is not to be used for drinking. In summary, the ***drinking water outlets currently servicing our district meet the federal and state guidelines and regulations.***

The school district has also implemented various other controls and policies to ensure our continued compliance with the new state emergency regulation, including plans to retest the water again in year 2020. Information about the lead testing program, including copies of all available laboratory results, has been available on the District's website since May 2016. If additional information is needed, please contact the District's Facility Office on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at (516) 594-2333.

Sincerely,



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BY PURPOSE, PASSION, AND PEOPLE