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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On September 21, 2016, you were notified of a series of actions that the District took to test all potable drinking outlets within the District. As a reminder, the following actions were taken during the Phase I testing in September 2016:

1. File findings with the Department of Health;
2. Post information regarding Lead in Drinking Water and findings on the District website;
3. Notify staff and parents;
4. Educate students regarding the risks associated with lead contamination in drinking water;
5. Cap all faucets or provide water filters for potable outlets containing lead beyond the allowable thresholds;
6. Continue to test water and communicate findings as required;
7. Purchased a total of 125 water filling stations to replace old water fountains districtwide. The new stations continue to be installed district wide.

Since that time, the District has worked with our environmental consultant, J.C. Broderick and Associates, Inc. to complete the Phase II testing protocols. The Phase II testing included testing the following categories of water outlets:

1. Bathroom Sinks
2. Custodial Sinks
3. Science Sinks
4. Outdoor Spigots

In response to the Phase II report, the District will take the following actions:

1. File findings with the Department of Health;
2. Post information regarding the Phase II findings on the District website;
3. Notify staff and parents;
4. Remind students about the risks associated with lead contamination in drinking water;
5. Place notifications at the locations of any water outlets identified in Phase II that tested above the allowable threshold;
6. Continue to test water and communicate findings as required;
7. Continue to install water filling stations Districtwide.

I continue to strongly recommend that you only drink water from newly installed water filling stations located in your respective buildings or bring your own water bottles to work.

Please be assured that the District recognizes the urgency of addressing this Health and Safety matter and will continue to update you as necessary.

Please also check the District website at www.pmschools.org for additional information regarding lead in water that has been published by the New York State Department of Health.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hynes, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools