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March 2017

Water Lead Testing – Kennedy School

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

The results for the second round of lead testing that was done at Kennedy Elementary School have been received. This testing was for hand washing and science lab sinks. There were only five sinks that tested higher than 15ppb and the district has taken immediate action to correct those areas of concern. The rest of the testing at Kennedy showed no issues with lead and we are pleased that there were only a few areas to correct.

If you have any questions about our lead testing program please contact Mr. James McCarthy, Director of Facilities, at (315) 393-0900, extension 1927, or my office at extension 1901.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy M. Vernsey".

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December, 2016

Water Lead Testing Letter – Second Round at Madill Elementary School

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In September I informed parents that we had received initial water lead testing results for Madill Elementary School which showed four fixtures that required replacing and that this had been corrected. A second round of lead testing was performed due to additional changes in legislation to include testing areas that are not normally used for drinking water such as custodial closets and bathroom sinks.

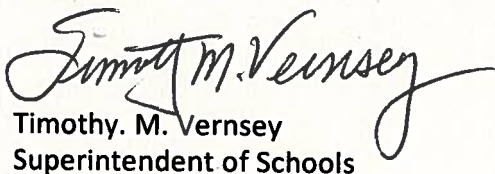
The results of the second round of lead testing samples has revealed five (5) sink fixtures that are above the 15 ppb (parts per billion) requirement. Please note that this is a localized issue dealing with the water fixtures themselves and not an issue pertaining to the drinking water supply.

The district has taken the action of isolating those affected locations. The students still have locations for water such as drinking fountains that have tested below the standard. The students may still utilize sink locations for personal hygiene use but not for drinking purposes. We will post notices of these locations so there is no confusion as to the use.

The areas affected have been slated for removal over the next few weeks and will be retested prior to being placed back into service.

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November 2016

Water Lead Testing – Ogdensburg Free Academy

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

There were no positive results for lead in the drinking water sources at the OFA and Dome complexes. This is certainly good news and suggests that drinking water throughout the district buildings is safe to consume.

If you have any questions about our lead testing program please contact Mr. James McCarthy, Director of Facilities, at (315) 393-0900, extension 1927, or my office at extension 1901.

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October 2016

Water Lead Testing – Kennedy School

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

The results for the lead testing that was done at Kennedy Elementary School have been received. Out of one hundred and forty-two (142) samples that were taken, only three (3) areas came back above the 15ppb threshold considered acceptable by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Health (DOH). Those areas were one (1) fixture in a classroom and two (2) sinks in the kitchen. The district has taken immediate action to correct those areas of concern. The rest of the testing at Kennedy showed no issues with lead and we are pleased that there were only a few areas to correct.

If you have any questions about our lead testing program please contact Mr. James McCarthy, Director of Facilities, at (315) 393-0900, extension 1927, or my office at extension 1901.

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September 2016

Water Lead Testing Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In the late summer in anticipation of new legislation pertaining to Lead in the water the district did some voluntary drinking water testing. Since those initial samples, the New York State Legislature passed legislation with specific requirements surrounding lead testing in school drinking water.

Our voluntary testing took samples from drinking water sources such as water bubblers, drinking fountains, and sinks typically used for water consumption. The recently released specifics of the regulations on lead testing in school drinking water is going to require us to test additional locations. For instance, such locations as custodial closet slop sinks, bathroom sinks, and other locations that are not typically used as sources of drinking water may also be tested. We are in the process of working with the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Health and Safety Office to complete this additional sampling and testing.

Once this testing is complete and we have the results, we will communicate the findings and take any and all necessary steps if lead levels are found to be above the 15 ppb (parts per billion) threshold as set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York State Department of Health (DOH) for safe drinking water.

In the meantime, please be aware that we have received results only from Madill Elementary School and have had two (2) classroom and two (2) kitchen fixtures return above the 15 part per billion standard. We have taken immediate action to remediate those locations, which includes taking fixtures out of service. Please also note that these locations were a small percentage of the total water sites tested at Madill Elementary School.

Once we obtain water testing results on our other buildings we will take proper action and inform you of the results along with what remediation will be undertaken. Any questions regarding lead testing in our schools can be directed to Mr. James McCarthy, Director of Facilities, at (315) 393-0900, extension 1927, or my office at extension 1901.

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