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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed new legislation requiring the testing of drinking water in New York Schools for lead levels. We received legislation to test lead levels again. The new legislation is explained in "State Department of Health Issues New Regulations to Mandate Lead testing in New York Schools by June 30 2021: To access this document, please visit the following link:

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-landmark-legislation-test-drinking-water-new-york-schools-lead>

In anticipation of this new legislation, we contacted our Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Safety Office and requested testing of all water fixtures for lead. The Safety Office and PACE Analytical has provided a full Comprehensive Report of the sampling, reporting and follow-up assistance. There were 197 fixtures tested and 10 showed lead levels above the allowable 15 ppb (parts per billion) marks:

Walbran Elementary School (Pre-K-6 Building)

Room #5 - One (1) Sink
Room #27 - One (1) Sink
Room #28 - Two (2) Sinks
Room #18 - One (1) Sink
Hallway - One (1) Water Fountain
Girls Locker Room - One (1) Bath Sink

Jr./Sr. High School (7-12 Building)

Room 112 - Two (2) Sinks
Guidance Bathroom - One (1) Sink

We have already remediated the problem areas by temporarily shutting off the drinking fountain impacted and posting signage that alerts students and staff to avoid ingesting water from these sinks.

You can review a copy of our first and second set of water testing results at the School District Office, which is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information about water quality in our schools, please go to:

http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead_testing_of_school_drinking_water.htm

Sincerely,

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