



Dear Members of the Bronxville Community,

As you may be aware, new legislation was recently passed that requires all school districts in New York State to test potable water for lead contamination, and to develop and implement a lead remediation plan where necessary.

This fall, the district contracted with Omega Environmental Services, Inc. to conduct testing of the district's potable water sources for possible elevated levels of lead. The examination was performed in accordance with the protocols of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which sets a standard for the allowable amount of lead for school drinking water sources.

This past spring, the district conducted testing on 11 drinking fountains and two sinks, and all results were below the lead and copper action level of 15 parts per billion.

In order to further assess the building water outlets, and in accordance with New York State regulations, a full testing of all potable outlets not previously tested at the elementary school was performed on Sept. 24, 2016. Testing of outlets at the middle and high schools was conducted on Oct. 4, 2016.

As part of the testing procedures, water samples were taken from 266 sources throughout the school district during a two-step process. The first step, known as the first draw, collected water samples immediately after a potable source was turned on; the second step, known as the flush sample, was taken after water flowed through the source for a recommended time period.

Of those tested, 52 locations were found to have levels above EPA guidelines during the initial first draw, and only nine flush samples were found to be above EPA guidelines. Upon learning of these results, the district took immediate action to remove from service affected outlets. With the help of a consultant, the district will develop a full remediation plan.

Please be assured that the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We will continue to update you with important information on this topic. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

David Quattrone
Superintendent of Schools

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