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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Staff Members and Parents:

To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYSDOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative education services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. As required, we completed testing of all faucets in all of our schools during the April school break. The district used the services of WSP USA Inc, a large, globally recognized firm, as consultants in this process.

We want to inform you that the district's schools results have been received and we are pleased to say that 93% of our faucets have tested negative, and none of the remaining 7% were in areas within the buildings accessible to be used for drinking water. For your information, the source of any contamination is in the faucets themselves, and not the water.

All outlets which were found to have positive results have been identified with appropriate signage or have been turned off where possible. The faucets, where feasible, will be corrected within the coming months.

Results for each school will be posted on the district's websites and at the schools, showing actions that have been taken in compliance with the law. Further information on regulations as well as frequently asked questions are posted in the schools and on our [website](#).

We are confident that the school district is doing all that is necessary to ensure that our buildings provide safe and healthy environments for our students.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph L. Ricca', is written over a circular blue stamp or seal.

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