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Dear Parent or Guardian:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. This regulation required school districts to perform testing in 2016, 2020 and at least every five (5) years thereafter.

Schools are responsible for identifying the total number of outlets that require sampling. Samples must be "first draw" samples, collected in 250 ml containers, and taken from a cold water outlet where the water has been motionless in the pipes for a minimum of 8 hours but not more than 18 hours. Samples must be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified under the Department of Health's Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP).

If lead levels are detected above 15 parts per billion (ppb) at any potable water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until a lead remediation plan is implemented to mitigate the lead level, and test results indicate that the lead levels are at or below the action level. The school must ensure that building occupants have an adequate alternate supply of potable water for drinking and cooking until the remediation plan is implemented. Schools must report the exceedance to the local health department (LHD) within one business day. Test results must also be provided in writing to all staff and parents no more than 10 business days after receiving the report.

Pursuant to the accompanying regulations, the Franklin Central School District sampled all potable water outlets that are currently or potentially used for drinking and cooking purposes including but not limited to bubblers, drinking fountains, and faucets. Faucets may be located anywhere on school property where drinking water is currently or potentially obtained. First draw samples were drawn using the EPA's 3 T's Guidelines. Of the 27 samples drawn, 2 exceeded the limit of 15 ppb. Those areas are listed on the back of this letter. Notification is being made to all staff, parents, and legal guardians of students. The district has shut down or restricted use of these outlets, will be performing remediation, and the resampling. All sampling records will be retained for a period of 10 years at the district office and are available for review during normal business hours.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 607-829-3551 or by email at bzilliox@franklincsd.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Zilliox".

Brad Zilliox
Superintendent of Schools

Location Areas:

L3-8 Cafeteria Fountain

L4-2 Room 116 Bubblers