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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation (A.10740/S.8158) 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. The State Department of Health and the State Education Department have established an action level threshold of 15 parts per billion or .015 mg/L. The water sources that test above this level must be immediately taken out of service and corrective action must be taken.

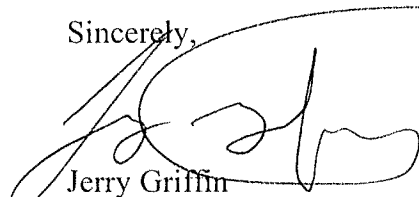
The district has been working with the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Health and Safety Office to complete these tests, which included samples from drinking water sources such as water bubblers, drinking fountains, and sinks typically used for water consumption. There are also requirements to test additional locations that include custodial closet slop sinks, bathroom sinks, and other locations that are not typically used as sources of drinking water.

The water testing results for Franklin Academy High School, Malone Middle School, Flanders Elementary School and the Bus Garage/Maintenance Facility show that no samples were above the allowable .015 mg/L or 15 parts per billion as per the new regulations. Test results for Davis Elementary School, St. Joseph's Elementary School & Harison Gymnasium have not yet been received but we will share those results as soon as they become available.

If any future results show actionable levels of lead in potable water sources, the District will replace or remediate the affected water pipes and fixtures. As a follow-up, additional water tests will be conducted to determine if the replacement/remediation was successful before the water source is back in service for students and staff members.

Please be assured that we will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure the quality of drinking water throughout our District meets these new state regulations. We will keep you informed as we continue to receive the results of the ongoing water testing at all of our schools.

Sincerely,



Jerry Griffin  
Superintendent of Schools

