



Lindenhurst Union Free School District

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Dear Lindenhurst School Community,

As you may be aware, the district took the proactive step of conducting lead water testing throughout all of our school buildings during the month of June in consultation with a leading environmental consulting firm. The district took this action before it was mandated by New York State, as we wanted to know if any issues existed before the start of the 2016-17 school year.

At the time, initial testing revealed that 16 water fountains and 81 sinks throughout the district had levels of lead that exceeded the guidelines for schools established by the Environmental Protection Agency. A second round of testing was then conducted on these same sources. All locations that still tested above the EPA guidelines were immediately taken offline for access by students and staff.

Our consulting firm provided us with their recommendations on how to remedy these 97 fixtures. Already, 14 have been permanently removed, as they were not locations used heavily by students or staff. Forty-two fixtures that are currently offline will be replaced by mid-October. This timeframe is contingent upon the availability of the replacement fixtures and scheduling. Twenty-four sinks that tested above the levels will be fitted with warning signs indicating that water is not to be used for cooking or drinking (these are sinks located in areas that are not utilized by elementary students such as custodial cleaning areas, bathrooms and science labs). The remaining 17 fixtures are at the Bower School, so no remediation has occurred to those locations until a final decision on the building's future is made.

As always, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We will continue to keep you informed of any potential issues moving forward. Thank you for your continued support and participation in our district.

Respectfully,

Daniel E. Giordano
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