

December 9, 2016

Dear Family Members:

In September of 2016, a new law went into effect requiring testing of all school sources of water that are currently used or potentially used for drinking or cooking purposes. Although our schools were not required to conduct these tests, we chose to conduct these tests, as the public schools were required to do. We collected samples per EPA Collection standards and submitted to St. Peters Lab on 10/28 to test through a NYS approved lab. Late Friday, December 2, 2016 we received the results of the testing.

We received the test results for Prospect school 133 and 128 Aviation Road and had five lead results that were above the guidelines issued by New York State. All 5 results were sink faucets, three of the five are sinks used for hand washing only, none of 5 results were drinking fountains.

We immediately implemented EPA “Interim Control Measure” by flushing the lines then shutting them off from use. On 12/6 we have re-taken water samples from the fixtures found positive and will re test at the same lab. The effected fixtures will be shut off and out of use until we receive the result of the second test. The rooms impacted will be provided bottle water as needed.

If the re-test results are negative we will not need to take any further action. If the test results are above the guidelines issued by New York State we will continue to follow all State guidelines needed to remediate the situation.

For more information on the effects of lead, please refer to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the NYS Department of Health.

If you have questions, please contact Sally Filicetti at 832-6114.

Sincerely,

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