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Dear APHS Parents and Guardians,

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority within our school system. As part of the school district's safety and health program, we began testing all of our drinking water outlets, such as fountains and sinks, in September 2016. These tests were performed to determine whether amounts of lead and copper above legal limits existed in drinking water.

The school district continues to await the results from other buildings' potential drinking water sources; however we would like to share the results that we have obtained from your child's school. Of the results we have received from the laboratory, 36 water sources were above the New York State Department of Health's threshold of 15 parts per billion of lead in water, and seven were above the threshold of 1300 parts per billion for copper. The results below are those we have received from Averill Park High School.

Averill Park High School – Lead (<15 parts per billion)

- Kitchen Kettle- 22.6 parts per billion
- District Office men's bathroom faucet- 38.5 parts per billion
- Boy's bathroom faucets(3) near Receiving Room- From 57.9 to 270 parts per billion
- Girls bathroom faucet by room 623- 35.8 parts per billion
- Science classroom faucets (27) in Rooms 204, 206, 604, 621, 623, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629- between 17.7 and 215.0 parts per billion
- Science classroom faucet for fume hood in room 206- 415.0 parts per billion
- Prep room sink faucets between rooms 624 and 626- 18.0 parts per billion

Averill Park High School – Copper (<1300 parts per billion)

- Boy's bathroom faucets (2) near Receiving Room- 4050 and 3620 parts per billion
- Classroom faucets (4) in room 206, 621, 626, 627- Between 1760 and 11,700 parts per billion
- Science classroom faucet for fume hood in room 206- 21,300 parts per billion

Stickers will be placed on the above faucets stating “hand-washing only” until we get them repaired through a remediation plan from our district architect. When that plan is complete, follow-up samples will be scheduled. Though not used as drinking fixtures currently, it will be emphasized these fixtures will not be permitted for use as water for drinking or cooking until the new sample results show levels at or below the action level of 15 parts per billion. Follow-up samples will be scheduled, and all of these fixtures will not be permitted for use as water for drinking until the new sample results show levels at or below the action level of 15 parts per billion for lead, and 1300 parts per billion for copper.

Also, there are three water sources that were either missed, or the faucet was non-functioning. They will be tested as soon as possible.

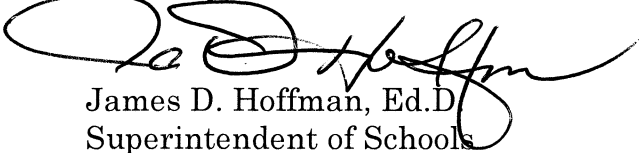
We will continue to work with our district Safety and Health officer and the Rensselaer County Department of Health as the District receives the remaining building sample results. The District will post all of the laboratory results on our website within the next several weeks.

For more information on lead in water please refer to the link below at the New York State Department of Health.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2508/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 674-7066.

Sincerely,



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