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Dear MH/SL 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, five water sources were above the New York State Department of Health's threshold of 15 parts per billion of lead in water, and two were above the threshold of 1300 parts per billion for copper. The results below are those we have received from Miller Hill/Sand Lake Elementary School.

Miller Hill/Sand Lake Elementary School

- Bathroom sink faucet near Room 106- 108 parts per billion
- Kitchen bathroom faucet- 17.7 parts per billion
- Library Office Sink Faucet- 76.1 parts per billion
- Water Fountain in Room 201- 41.7 parts per billion
- Bathroom sink faucet near Room 211- 20.2 parts per billion

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

- Nurse's bathroom faucet - 9280 parts per billion
- Room 211 Corridor right bathroom faucet- 2380 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 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. The fountain in Room 201 has been removed from service by covering it, and labeling it not to be used for drinking. 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/or 1300 parts per billion for copper.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Hoffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

James D. Hoffman, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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