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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

It is a priority of every school district to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for its students, and clean water is no exception. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes, and other plumbing materials. Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers, and lakes. New laws that went into effect in 2014 reduced the amount of lead that plumbing fixtures can contain from 8% to 1%. Brass faucets, fittings and valves – including those advertised as “lead free” – may still be a contributing factor to lead levels in drinking water.

Forestville Central School District is in compliance with New York State Public Health Laws requiring all schools and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to test potable water outlets for lead contamination, to remediate contamination where found, and to notify parents of children and the public of test results. Levels of lead at any water outlet above 15 parts per billion (ppb) require corrective action.

As required, Forestville Central School District tested all water sources in the Forestville Elementary for lead on September 17, 2016. As provided to us under specific protocols, first draw water samples were taken after letting the water remain unmoving in the pipes over a period of 8 to 18 hours. The results of this testing were received on October 12, 2016 and of the 84 water samples tested, only 23 showed lead levels above 15 ppb. We have also tested the Middle School/High School building on October 11, 2016, we are awaiting the results of this testing.

Listed below are the Forestville Elementary locations that exceeded the threshold of 15 ppb:

Location	Outlet Type	Analysis
Classroom 12, Mrs. Buehler	Sink	19.0 ppb
Business Office	Sink	16.3 ppb
Men's Lavatory, Boys' Bathroom by the cafeteria	Sink	16.7 ppb
Kitchen South Wall	Sink	54.2 ppb
Gym Teacher Office, Mr. Greenough	Sink	82.5 ppb
Girls' Locker Room	Sink	22.0 ppb
Classroom 29, Mrs. Patton	Stainless Steel Sink	27.8 ppb
Classroom 31, Mrs. Dunn	Stainless Steel Sink	23.6 ppb
Classroom 30, Miss Cook	Stainless Steel Sink	15.7 ppb
Classroom 33, Mrs. Brewster/Ms. Borrello	Stainless Steel Sink	103 ppb
Classroom 36, Mrs. Gier	Sink	69.1 ppb
Classroom 36, Mrs. Gier	Bubbler/Drinking Fountain	32.6 ppb
Classroom 40, Technology Academy	Stainless Steel Sink	60.0 ppb
Classroom 40, Technology Academy	Bubbler/Drinking Fountain	24.9 ppb
Classroom 39, Mr. Worosz, Mrs. Papia	Bubbler/Drinking Fountain	39.5 ppb
Classroom 41, Mrs. VanSlycke, Mrs. Scott	Sink	23.9 ppb
Classroom 41, Mrs. VanSlycke, Mrs. Scott	Bubbler/Drinking Fountain	26.5 ppb
Hose Bib, 1st North of front doors	Hose Bib	45.1 ppb
Hose Bib, 2nd North of front doors	Hose Bib	108 ppb
Hose Bib, North side of building	Hose Bib	2140 ppb
Hose Bib, Northeast most	Hose Bib	74.3 ppb
Hose Bib, East central	Hose Bib	554 ppb
Hose Bib, Southeast	Hose Bib	48.9 ppb

Forestville Central School District is taking a number of corrective action steps. We have shut off the water supply to those fixtures used for drinking or cooking. Any water sources used for other purposes such as showering and general cleaning have been clearly labeled with signs not to be used for drinking or cooking. The next step is to develop a remediation plan that will be approved and guided by the experts in the field of water remediation.

The timetable for remediation of each of the identified sources will depend on the availability of parts, installation, and the process for retesting. It is important to note that none of the sources will be put back into service and available for drinking or cooking until the sources are fully mitigated and meet New York State Department of Health Standards.

A copy of our water testing results is available at any of the Forestville Central School District building's main offices, which are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Results are also posted at www.forestville.com on the District website.

For more information about water quality and sampling for lead contact the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services at 753-4000.

Sincerely,

Renee Garrett
Superintendent of Schools