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Dear Pocantico Hills Families,

In light of recent local and national news reports regarding unsafe water standards, I want to reassure you that all drinking and cooking sources in our school are compliant with EPA standards for safe drinking water. As a precaution, in April 2016, the District tested 65 water outlets that included all those identified as drinking and cooking sources. We are pleased to report that all 65 samples complied with the EPA's National Drinking Water Standards.

At the beginning of September this year, New York State passed legislation requiring school districts to test all sources of water for lead particulate matter. This new requirement now includes water sources that are intended for drinking, food preparation or cooking, as well as those that are not.

To comply with the new legislation, we expanded our testing to include an additional 97 samples at the end of September. Only five of those samples were above the allowable limit, and none of the five are being used for drinking or cooking. As a precaution, we immediately turned off these five water sources.

We have received confirmation from the Westchester County Department of Health that if these outlets will not be used for drinking water or food preparation, remediation of the outlets is not required, but we must ensure that age appropriate signage is conspicuously displayed at each outlet to alert potential users not to use water drawn from this location for drinking or cooking. None of these five locations are currently used for this purpose.

All sampling and testing was done by contracted environmental professionals, and the laboratory that was used to evaluate the samples has been approved by New York State for this type of analysis.

The health and safety of our students is always our top priority; should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol Conklin-Spillane, Superintendent of Schools