



## LEAD TESTING IN SCHOOL WATER - REMEDIATION AND KES UPDATE

October 13, 2016

Dear Elementary School Parents,

As I outlined in my last communication we are pleased to report that, following our recently completed testing of every water outlet in our three elementary schools, **all** water fountains and **all** fixtures in food preparation areas were below the 15 parts per billion limit set for lead in drinking water. Overall, of the 163 samples taken (after water sat for eight hours), 14 tested above the lead limits. Immediately upon receiving those test results we turned off the water at those sinks or posted them for "Hand Washing Only" in accordance with guidance we have received from the Westchester County Department of Health.

Since my last letter, we subsequently learned from the Department of Health that one sink in an adult bathroom in KES has been added to the list. Again, none of the fixtures involve drinking fountains or are used for food preparation.

Beginning on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Meadow Pond Elementary School and continuing through each of the three elementary schools, we began to replace each faucet and valve with a new one that meets the latest standards for lead content. Each one of the replacement fixtures will be tested before it is returned to normal service.

I will be writing to you as soon as those follow-up test results are delivered. We expect those sinks to test below the acceptable level so that they can be returned to full service.

The new law requires that the testing process be repeated in 2020 and into the future once every 5 years. In the years preceding 2020, we will continue to test our water in accordance with Westchester County Department of Health standards.

The health and welfare of all students and staff remain our primary concern.

Sincerely,

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Here are the updated details of fixtures tested in our three schools:

- **Katonah Elementary School** – One fixture tested above the set limits as follows:

| <u>School</u> | <u>Wing/Location</u>      | <u>Fixture</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| KES           | Cafeteria/ Staff Bathroom | Sink           | 1             |

- **Increase Miller Elementary School** – Three fixtures tested above the set limits as follows:

| <u>School</u> | <u>Wing/Location</u>   | <u>Fixture</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| IMES          | C-11/ Faculty Bathroom | Sink           | 1             |
| IMES          | C-6/ Boys Bathroom     | Center Sink    | 1             |
| IMES          | D/ Common Area         | Sink           | 1             |

- **Meadow Pond Elementary School** – Eleven fixtures tested above the set limits as follows:

| <u>School</u> | <u>Wing/Location</u>                | <u>Fixture</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| MPES          | Basement                            | Sink           | 1             |
| MPES          | D/Library – behind circulation desk | Sink           | 1             |
| MPES          | D/Common Area                       | Sink           | 1             |
| MPES          | O/Conference Room                   | Sink           | 1             |
| MPES          | E-12/ Faculty Bathroom              | Sink           | 1             |
| MPES          | E/Boys Bathroom                     | Center Sink    | 1             |
| MPES          | E/Girls Bathroom                    | All Sinks      | 4             |
| MPES          | E-5 Art Room-Storage-Bathroom       | Sink           | 1             |

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