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**James Montesano, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In my letter dated October 11, 2016, I notified the community that our water test results for Upper Nyack and Valley Cottage Elementary were under the threshold of 15 ppb. In Liberty Elementary, there was one sink in a boy's bathroom that was shut off because the water sample drawn from this faucet exceeded the threshold of 15 ppb. Remediation has now been completed and subsequent lab results were less than 1 ppb.

The District recently received the results on our Middle School water samples and had six bathroom sinks that exceeded the threshold of 15 ppb, as per the list below. The new law expanded the definition of potable water fixtures to include areas where students could possibly drink water when not supervised, such as bathroom sinks. Accordingly, these bathroom sinks have been shut off and remediated. We are in the process of drawing post-remediation water samples and once we receive lab results to confirm successful remediation, the faucets will be put back in operation.

<b><u>Bathroom Sink Location</u></b>	<b><u>ppb</u></b>
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Boys Bathroom Faucet	15.3
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Boys Bathroom Faucet	22
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Girls Bathroom Faucet	17
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Men's Bathroom Faucet - Faculty Lounge Teachers Prep	15.3
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Bathroom Faucet in Coaches Office	21
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Kitchen Bathroom Faucet	17

Since there was some ambiguity in the new guidelines relative to testing sinks in science labs (unlike bathrooms, students are supervised in the labs), water samples were taken from all science labs. The results indicated that 25 faucets in our Middle School science labs exceeded the threshold of 15 ppb. There were nine (9) faucets in room 211, five (5) faucets in room 213, six (6) faucets in room 311 and five (5) faucets in room 313. Non-potable water signage has been placed by these sinks and the teachers have been notified that students are not to use these faucets for drinking or filling water bottles. The District plans to develop a policy and provide adequate training so staff and students know that water is not to be consumed from science lab sinks. In the meantime, the science classroom sinks will be remediated and re-sampled to be sure levels are under the threshold, while we work to augment our policies and provide additional training.

The District has not yet received lab results from our High School water samples. I will provide another update once those results are received.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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