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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The District received water test results this week on the Nyack High School. Similar to the Middle School which had 25 science lab faucets test above 15 ppb, the High School had 31 science lab faucets that also tested above the 15 ppb threshold. There was one (1) science lab sink in room 109, three (3) in room 110, one (1) in room 111, three (3) in room 113, three (3) in room 114, fourteen (14) in room 105, and six (6) in room 206. In addition, there were two (2) kitchen utility dish washing sprayers that are no longer used as well as one (1) kitchen hand washing sink that tested above the threshold. All 34 outlets have been labeled as non-potable water sources pending remediation.

As a follow-up to my letter dated October 28, the remediation of our six (6) bathroom faucets in the Middle School has been completed and we are waiting for the post-remediation water test results before placing the bathroom sinks back in operation. As indicated above, there were also 25 science lab sinks that tested above the 15 ppb. Consistent with regulatory requirement, these sinks have been labeled as non-potable water sources while we go through the process of re-flushing and retesting these faucets in compliance with the EPA's guidelines.

Particles tend to accumulate in science lab sinks since they are not consistently flushed out by regular use (they are used only during lab exercises). Accordingly, we plan to post signs in all science labs to further enforce that there should be no eating or drinking in those rooms as well as requiring our science teachers to review with students regularly the importance on consuming water only from faucets intended for potable water, not from sources such as science lab sinks.

I will provide additional updates as post-remediation results are received.

Sincerely,

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