



HERRICKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Herricks School Community,

As you may be aware, there have been reports of lead being found in water from fountains and sinks in schools across the country, including Long Island. As of the date of this letter, School Districts are not required to conduct lead water testing. However, over the course of the summer the District took the proactive step of voluntarily conducting such testing throughout all of our school buildings in consultation with J.C. Broderick (JCB), a leading environmental consulting firm. This testing was conducted in accordance with guidelines established by the Environmental Protective Agency (EPA).

In consultation with JCB, the District identified 227 water sources to test based on the EPA guidelines. The District recently received the results of this testing. Out of the 227 water sources that were sampled district-wide, only three, less than 1%, yielded results that were above the EPA guidelines. We immediately remediated, as necessary, these particular locations. The results of this testing are available during regular business hours at the Administrative Offices – Facilities Department, 999B Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and community is our top priority. We will continue to keep you informed of any potential changes regarding this matter and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Dr. Fino Celano
Superintendent of Schools