



HERRICKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Education Today
Knowledge Forever**

September 28, 2016

Dear Herricks School Community,

Over the course of the summer, the District took the proactive step of voluntarily testing potable water systems for lead contamination throughout all of our school buildings in consultation with J.C. Broderick (JCB), a leading environmental consulting firm. The District informed the community of the results of such testing online at that time. This testing was conducted in accordance with recommended guidelines at that time established by the Environmental Protective Agency (EPA).

Subsequently, on September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts in New York State to conduct such testing and to take responsive actions.

Prior to this new legislation, the District identified 229 potable waters sources to test based on the recommended EPA guidelines. Only five of the 229 water sources, less than 1%, yielded results that were above the EPA guidelines. Two of these outlets were immediately remedied, retested, and returned to service. The remaining three were removed from service, as deemed appropriate.

The results of this initial testing are available on the District website and at the Administrative Offices – Facilities Department, 999B Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040 during normal business hours.

As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and community is our top priority. We will continue to monitor the requirements of the new legislation as it evolves, take appropriate action as necessary, and, of course, continue to keep you informed of any potential changes regarding this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Facilities at 305-8905. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Dr. Fino Celano
Superintendent of Schools