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Dear Herricks School Community,

Our school district is committed to protecting the health and well-being of our students, teachers and staff. In compliance with the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) regulation titled *Lead Testing in School Drinking Water* (10 NYCRR Subpart 67-4), we recently performed an updated inventory of all water outlets in each building and another round of sampling of all applicable water outlets. As you may be aware, these water outlets were previously tested in 2016.

Similar to 2016, sampling of potable water outlets (water outlets used for cooking or drinking) was performed by our environmental consulting and testing firm. In an abundance of caution, the district also sampled non-potable outlets (water outlets not designated for cooking or drinking) throughout the school building. While not typically used as drinking water, it was decided that the sampling of these non-potable outlets be performed in the rare instance that a child might use them for drinking. A few of these non-potable outlets did reveal concentrations of lead above the state's action level.

We are happy to report that this round of sampling revealed only 6 of the water outlets designated by the district for drinking or cooking revealed concentrations of lead above New York State's action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). The table attached to this letter summarizes all the water outlets (potable and non-potable) within each school building that have exceeded the state's action level. These outlets have been evaluated by the district and the district's consultant, and a proper action and/or remediation has been implemented.

In summary, the drinking water outlets currently servicing our district meet the federal and state guidelines and regulations. Outlets that tested with lead levels above the action level of 15 parts per billion were removed from service, remedial actions are being implemented, and water outlets will only be returned to service after resampling results reveal a concentration of lead below the action level. Certain outlets, such as sink faucets needed for handwashing, cleaning or instruction (such as labs) were posted with a sign indicating that the sink is not to be used for drinking. Outlets that tested below the action level remain in service with no restrictions.

Information about the School District's lead testing program, including copies of all laboratory results, can be found on the District's website and at the Administrative Offices – Facilities Department, 999B Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040 on weekdays during normal business hours when school is in session.

As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and community remains our top priority. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact the District's Director of Facilities at 305-8905.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fino M. Celano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

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