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To: Wallkill Community
From: Brian Devincenzi
Date: December 9, 2016
Re: Lead Testing Information and Remediation at Wallkill Senior High School

Recently the State passed legislation that requires school districts to test all water outlets within school buildings including classroom, bathroom and laboratory sinks. Previously, the District collected samples from the type of plumbing fixtures where potable water is commonly drawn, such as hallway drinking fountains and the results came back below the lead action level. However, to comply with the new law the District performed testing on all potable water sources, inclusive of water outlets that are not commonly used for drinking purposes. Based on the testing, science laboratory sinks, art room sinks and four (4) handwashing faucets at Wallkill Senior High School came back with lead concentrations exceeding the allowable level. Upon notification of detects the District took immediate steps to do the following:

- Signage was placed at all identifiable water sources stating the water can only be used for handwashing and cleaning only. This step is direct guidance from the Department of Health and will remain in effect until remediation is completed (see below).
- The District notified the local health department as required by law.
- Staff and parents/guardians were notified by letter on Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

The following remediation steps will occur for all outlets with lead concentrations exceeding the allowable level:

- Replace fixtures that were identified after the District receives replacement fixtures.
- Re-test all outlets that were identified.
- When test results demonstrate that lead concentrations are below the allowable level, signs will be removed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at 895-7102.

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