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To: *Wallkill Community*

From: *Brian Devincenzi* 

Date: *July 27, 2021*

Re: *Implementation of Lead Testing in School Drinking Water as Required by Law*

During the spring of 2020-2021 school year, all school districts in New York State were required to perform lead testing on all potable water sources, inclusive of water outlets that are not commonly used for drinking purposes. Based on the testing completed at Ostrander Elementary in May 2021, there were five (5) sinks and eight (8) classroom water fountains that came back with lead concentrations exceeding the action level of 15 mcg/L. Upon notification of the detects the District took immediate steps to do the following:

- *The local health department was notified as required by law*
- *The District ensured that signage was in place for sinks identified as exceeding the allowable limit stating water can only be used for handwashing and cleaning only. This step is direct guidance from the Department of Health.*
- *Classroom fountains, which have been out of service due to COVID-19, remain out of service and are in the process of being removed as the District has installed bottle filling stations in the building.*

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

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