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Dear Canaseraga Central School District Parents / Guardians

On September 6, 2016, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law new guidelines regarding water testing for lead in school buildings. To comply with this requirement, the Canaseraga CSD worked with our GST BOCES health & safety personnel to collect water samples and have them analyzed by a laboratory.

The district received our results back on the afternoon of 10/18/2016. The lab results indicate we have some elevated lead levels in particular areas of the building. This morning our maintenance staff worked diligently to shut-off particular water sources that yielded elevated levels of lead. Mr. Kenyon and I also met today with the Allegany County Department of Health to discuss the steps necessary to report and remediate the issues that have been identified. We will be working to remedy the areas that have tested high. In some cases, it will mean changing water fixtures and/or replacing particular areas of supply piping.

While we are addressing these problematic areas, we have put in place some precautionary measures. The district has purchased water cooler units for drinking water and placed them in two locations in the building. Although not all of the drinking fountains have resulted in high levels, we wanted to be sure there were additional sources of water available. If a drinking fountain provides a water source, that fixture did not test high and can be used. Any drinking fountain that tested high will not provide any water. There are some bathroom sinks that have tested high. In these cases, the sink has either been shut-off or a sign has been posted to not drink the water from that sink. We have been directed by the department of health that a wash sink, in a bathroom, must be available for people to wash their hands.

Please know that we will be working to remedy any problem areas as quickly as possible. The immediate challenge will be to determine the exact source / location of the lead contaminants. There will be a report posted to the school district website within the next couple of days that will describe the issues at hand and the remediation that will take place – according to the guidelines

given to us by the state. If you have any specific questions, please don't hesitate to call me. I will do my best to answer your questions, or get the answer to your question from representatives from the department of health.

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