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Dear Staff & Parents of the Clarence Center Elementary School Building,

New York State recently passed a law and series of regulations for school districts and BOCES to test potable water for lead contamination and to develop and implement a lead remediation plan, where applicable.

In accordance with this new law and regulation, the District met with a consultant regarding the water testing requirements, and hired EMSL Analytical to complete water testing in all District buildings. Water testing for Clarence Center was completed on September 20, 2016. We recently received results of water testing for Clarence Center and we expect to have water testing results for all buildings by the end of October 2016.

At Clarence Center Elementary School, 110 outlets were tested and 67 outlets were deemed to be satisfactory. The remaining 43 outlets were deemed to exceed the action level of 15 parts per billion.

The water outlets that exceeded the testing level have been taken out of service or marked with appropriate signage for individuals to know that those sources should not be used for drinking water. Those outlets will be remediated and we are working with EMSL Analytical to determine and implement the best course of action. At this time, we believe that changing out the plumbing fixtures will successfully remediate the problems. The District will retest these outlets after the remediation plan is implemented to ensure that the outlets do not exceed the action level prior to the outlet being used again.

Bottled water will be provided for student and staff use in the affected classrooms.

The outlets that have been identified as needing action are:

Classroom sinks:

Room 303 (2), Room 305 (1), Room 307 (1), Room 306 (1), Room 313 (1), Room 315 (1), Room 316 (1), Room 314 (2), Room 204 (3), Room 203 (1), Room 206 (2), Room 208 (2), Room 325 (1), Room 326 (2), Room 333 (2), Room 335 (2), Room 334 (2), Room 210 (2), Room 212 (2), Room 211 (1)

One janitorial closet sink near Room 303

One janitorial closet sink near Room 333

One sink in the library

One sink in the girls lavatory off the library

One sink in the faculty lavatory in library

Five sinks in the kitchen cafeteria

The backflow preventer to building

The results of the testing from Clarence Center, and all District buildings when testing is complete, is available at the District's website. You can navigate by clicking on the Departments tab > Buildings & Grounds > Lead Testing Results. The direct link is <http://www.clarenceschools.org/Page/3753>.

Please know that the health and safety of students, staff and visitors is our top priority and we are committed to ensuring that water at the District's buildings is safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your building principal, me, or Brian Logel, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds at (716) 407-9131, or blogel@clarenceschools.org. Additionally, the Erie County Department of Health can be reached at 716 961-6800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey M. Hicks".

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools