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January 3, 2017

Dear Staff & Parents of the Clarence High 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 High School was completed in early December, 2016. We recently received results of water testing for the high school and we expect to have water testing results for all buildings by the mid-January, 2017.

At Clarence High School, 189 outlets were tested and 167 outlets were judged to be satisfactory. The remaining 22 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 124 (all 4 sinks), 130 (sink #3), 132 (sink #3), 134 (sink #1), 507 (sink #1), 508 (sink #1)

Restroom sinks:

Girl's near rm. 109 (sink #3), Men's near rm. 206 (sink #1), Girl's aud backstage (sink #1), Woman's near rm. 410 (all three sinks), Men's near rm. 412 (sink #3 & #4), Principal's Office (sink #1), Woman's near rm. 2017 (sink #1)

One drinking fountain – in the corridor near room 129

Room 127 wash tub faucet

Room 506 ice machine

The results of the testing from Clarence High School, 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 in 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