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Dear Clarence Middle School Staff & Parents,

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 December, 2016. We recently received results of water testing for the middle school.

At Clarence Middle School, 205 outlets were tested and 167 outlets were judged to be satisfactory. The remaining 38 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:

Rm. 810 (sink #1), Rm. 812 (sink #1), Rm. 815 (sink #1), Rm. 816 (sink #1), Rm. 817 (sink #1), Rm. 818 (sink #1),
Rm. 820 (sink #1), Rm. 824 (sink #1)

Restroom sinks:

Boys Lav in the 700 wing (sink #4)

Store Room 615 (sink #1)

Science Room sinks:

Rm. 615 (sink #1, #2, #3, #5), Rm. 728 (sink #3, #4, #5, #6, #7), Rm. 814 (sink #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7), Rm. 819 (sink #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7)

The science classroom sinks were not required to be tested. We did test them, however, and will remediate the sinks as per our plan.

The results of the testing from Clarence Middle School, and all District buildings, 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,

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools