Lancaster Central School District

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Dear Staff and Parents of Lancaster Middle School,

Chapter 296 of the Laws of 2016 enacted amendments to NYS Public Health Law, requiring school districts to test all potable water outlets for lead contamination in 2016, 2020, and every five years thereafter. Districts are also required to remediate contamination where found and to notify parents of children and the public of test results.

In accordance with the law and regulation, the Lancaster Central School District hired Stohl Environmental to complete the 2020 water testing requirement in all District buildings. Water testing for Lancaster High School was completed on October 17, 2020. As an additional precaution, we recently engaged Stohl to return to the district to test science lab classroom sinks. While these sinks are non-applicable sinks according to the law, the district felt it pertinent to have them sampled.

Of the 66 science lab samples taken, 43 were found to be satisfactory. The remaining 23 outlets were deemed to exceed the action level of 15 parts per billion.

We have taken immediate action to mark the water sources that exceeded the threshold of 15 parts per billion with appropriate signage for individuals to know that those sources should not be used for drinking water. These outlets will remain in service.

The rooms with outlets that have been identified as needing action are:

Science Labs: 301, 309

The results from testing from Lancaster Middle and all District buildings, are available at the District's Website at www.lancasterschools.org/drinking_water_safety.

Please be assured that the health and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors to our facilities are our highest priority and that we are being proactive in assessing all district buildings to ensure that these standards are being met. If any remediation is found to be necessary, it will be swift and comprehensive.

We will keep you up to date with any additional information via our website.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Vallely, Ph.D.
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