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Dear Wilson Central School Staff, Parents, Students, and Community:

Our school district is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community, the Wilson Central School District recently tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead? High levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years old. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At very high levels, lead can even cause brain damage.

To protect public health, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) requires that schools test their drinking water for lead every 3 years. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 5 parts per billion (which has recently been lowered from the previous State mandate of above 15 ppb), the NYSDOH requires taking specific action to reduce the lead.

Is Our School's Drinking Water Safe? Yes, our schools' water is safe. When the Wilson Central School District tested the drinking water for lead, out of the 232 water samples we tested, 21 showed lead levels above the 5 ppb action level. In other words, 91% of the water outlets tested did not have any issues, and 19 out of the 21 water outlets that failed were below the old mandate of 15 ppb, but because of the new mandate of 5 ppb, they are put into the take action level.

Upon getting the test results back, the Wilson Central School District has taken remedial action immediately. We have done this by installing inline filters on each water outlet that was above the 5 ppb mandate. These inline filters will reduce the levels to acceptable or fully remove the low levels of lead altogether. The source of the extremely low levels of lead hasn't been fully determined, but it will be investigated. If the source is found, it will be addressed as soon as possible or in a future renovation capital project if feasible to do so.

How Can I Learn More? You can see a copy of all of our water testing results at the school district's central office, which is open Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, and on our website at <https://www.wilsoncsd.org/>. For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Director of Facilities, Todd Harmon, at 716-751-9341 ext. 158. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact the Niagara County Department of Health at 716-439-7452.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy P. Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Timothy P. Carter
Superintendent of Schools