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NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STAFF

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Lead Testing of School Drinking Water

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Dear School Community,

Frewsburg Central School District Lead Water Testing Update

Ensuring a safe and healthy school environment is a top priority for the Frewsburg Central School District. Clean drinking water is essential, and we remain committed to meeting all New York State Public Health Law and New York State Department of Health requirements regarding lead testing in school water systems.

New York State public schools are now required to complete lead-in-water testing every three years on any outlet that could potentially be used for drinking or cooking. In addition, the NYS Department of Health has lowered the action level for lead from 15 parts per billion (ppb) to 5 ppb. Any water outlet testing above 5 ppb requires the school to take corrective action to reduce potential lead exposure.

The District recently conducted lead testing on all potable water outlets at Robert H. Jackson Elementary School and Frewsburg Middle/High School. All testing followed strict state protocols and was performed by a state-certified third-party laboratory.

Key Findings

- A total of 86 samples were tested.
- 5 samples showed lead levels above 5 ppb.
- All 5 affected outlets were located at RHJ Elementary School.
- Further review determined that these outlets are not used regularly (not located in full-time classrooms).
- These outlets were flushed and re-tested following the same state protocols and using the same certified testing facility.
- All 5 outlets passed the re-test, showing lead levels well below the 5 ppb threshold.

What the District Is Doing to Ensure Safe and Healthy Water

- The Buildings and Grounds Department has incorporated routine flushing of potable water fixtures into its preventative maintenance schedule.
- Water sources designated as “low use” will be run weekly and during school breaks to maintain the highest water quality.

Access to Results

- A summary of results and laboratory reports will be posted on our district website in the coming days.
- Full water testing results and lab reports are also available upon request from the District Office.

For more information about water quality and lead sampling, please contact:

- **New York State Department of Health – Lead Testing in School Drinking Water:**
(518) 402-7800
- **Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services:** (716) 753-4000