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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may be aware, a recently enacted law requires public schools in New York state to test all water outlets currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking purposes for lead levels.

Poland Central School District conducted water testing under the guidance of a state-approved, independent laboratory, Adirondack Environmental Service Inc. Testing samples were drawn on Sept. 21. This letter is to inform you of the results of our lab testing, which were received today.

The law requires water outlets that exceed the lead action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) to be immediately addressed. Water sources that exceed the .015 limit include:

- All sinks in the high school science wing.
- All sinks in the middle school 7th-8th grade science classroom.
- One sink in the home economics classroom.
- Two sinks in the high school student bathroom(s).
- Two sinks in the high school art room.
- Four sinks at different locations for faculty/adult use.
- One sink in the student bathrooms below Pre-K.
- Three drinking fountains in the elementary building.

All students and staff in the building still have access to water sources that are under the threshold. The district facilities department immediately responded to the results and took drinking fountains that exceeded the limit out of service within hours of the time test results were received. All water sources that should not be used for drinking are labeled with a sign. The three elementary classrooms with no nearby water fountain, where the in-class fountain can not be used, will be provided with bottled water.

While this information may cause some concern, the district is working closely with the Herkimer BOCES Health and Safety Office and will consult with the state Department of Health to prepare a remediation plan that allows the district to continue to provide safe, healthy drinking water.

The health and safety of our students and staff is a priority. Information including links to resources about the risks associated with lead can be found on the district website by clicking on the "Lead Testing" button under "Quick Links" on the homepage. Test results are posted on the website.

If you have any questions or concerns about these test results, please contact my office at (315) 826-0203 or email me at ldutton@polandcsd.org.

Sincerely,

Laura Dutton
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