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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Recent events in the news have highlighted water conditions in several cities across this country. Additionally, during the recent New York State legislation session, a bill was passed specifically pertaining to water testing in school districts.

Our district with the assistance of the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Health and Safety Office took samples from drinking water sources such as water bubblers, drinking fountains, and sinks typically used for water consumption. Additionally, such locations as custodial closet slop sinks, bathroom sinks, and other locations that are not typically used as sources of drinking water were also tested.

The results of the testing revealed lead concentration above the New York State Department of Health requirement of 15 ppb (part per billion), this is a localized issue dealing with the water fixtures themselves not an issue pertaining to the water supply. These elevated levels can be a result of many factors, such as, age of the fixture (original construction) or lack of use.

The district has taken the action of isolating those five affected locations. The students still have locations for water such as drinking fountains that have tested below the standard. The students may still utilize sink locations for personal hygiene use but not for drinking purposes. We will post those locations so there is no confusion as to the use.

The areas affected have been slated for removal over the next few weeks and will be retested prior to being placed back into service.

To view all of the sample results please visit our website (www.hcsc12.org).

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rt Finster', written over a printed name.

Robert Finster