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Dear Elmira Heights Central School District Parents/Guardians;

The health and safety of our students, staff and visitors to our schools remains our highest priority. In the spring of 2016, our district proactively tested several water sources to ensure our levels of lead were within acceptable limits under the guidelines set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Since that time, in September 2016, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law new requirements for testing all sources of water within our school structures. The acceptable threshold of lead was lowered from 20 parts of lead per billion parts of water to 15 parts of lead per billion parts of water; making New York State standards amongst the highest in the country.

In accordance with New York State Health Department guidelines, as the results of our testing comes in, we will provide notification of all results via our website at www.heightsschools.com. More importantly, we will tag and immediately remove any identified source from service. Corrective action will be taken and the source will not be placed back in to service until we receive confirmation from the New York State Department of Health that any retesting confirms the problem has been satisfactorily remedied.

Our first results have been received for the Thomas A. Edison High School building and outdoor concession area. The results indicate slight elevation of lead in five (5) of the seventy-eight (78) water sources tested. One source is a hose bib out in the football field concession area, two sources are sinks within the building and the remaining two sources are water fountains already scheduled to be replaced. We await the results from the Cohen complex and will release that information as soon as it is received.

Again, the health and safety of our students, staff and visitors remains our highest priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Transportation/Facilities, Mr. Richard "Todd" VanHouten, at 734-7114.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mary Beth Fiore'.

Mary Beth Fiore
Superintendent of Schools

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