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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The use of materials containing lead have been banned in most plumbing components for new construction since 1986, but many older buildings may still contain substance. On September 6, 2016, the Governor signed a law that requires the NYS Department of Health to develop regulations to require all public-school districts to test all potable water outlets for lead contamination. Districts are required to replace or remediate affected outlets that exceed lead limits set by NYS Dept of Health. In light of this, the Oswego City School District has contracted with Pace Analytical Services to test water outlets in the public-school buildings.

The first round of testing in accordance with Subpart 67-4 was performed in 2016. And subsequent testing must occur every 5 years thereafter or at an earlier time determined by the Commissioner of Health.

Any outlet exceeding the maximum threshold of 15 micrograms per deciliter will be taken out of service immediately and/or signage will be displayed notifying potential users that the water is no longer potable, however the outlet may still be used for cleaning and handwashing. The district continues to replace outlets during the capital project in accordance with state requirements.

Please know that ensuring the safety of staff and students remains a top priority of the school district and compliance with such safety measures is in direct alignment with the district's strategic plan. Please reach out with any questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mathis A. Calvin III
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