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Dear Parents, Guardians & Staff of the Starpoint Middle School,

As you may be aware, New York State recently passed a law and emergency regulation for school districts to test potable (i.e., drinkable) water for lead contamination and to develop and implement a lead remediation plan, where necessary.

In accordance with this new law and regulation, the District is working with STOHL Environmental Consultants on the water testing requirements. Water testing for grades K-5 (i.e., Fricano Primary and Regan Intermediate Schools) was completed prior to September 30, 2016 and we have just received the results of our middle school water testing.

At Starpoint Middle School, 139 outlets were tested and 110 outlets were deemed to be satisfactory. **Most importantly, none of the outlets flagged were student drinking fountains.** The outlets that were deemed to exceed the action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) can be categorized as follows:

- (18) Sinks - *these outlets are used for hand washing*
- (8) Hose Bibs or Water Spigots - *these outlets are typically located under sinks, have a removable handle, and are only used by custodians for cleaning purposes*
- (2) Slop Sinks, located in the Custodial/Utility Rooms - *these outlets are used for cleaning purposes only and not accessible to students*
- (1) Bubbler, located in E-4 (Custodial/Storage Room) - *this outlet has been out of service for the past 15 years and is not accessible to students*

In response to the receipt of these test results, the outlets that exceeded the threshold were **immediately taken out of service** and/or marked with appropriate signage for individuals to know that this source should not be used for drinking. The next step is to develop a remediation plan that will be guided and approved by experts in the field of water remediation.

The results of the testing from this building are available at the District's website: www.starpointcsd.org

We take the health and safety of students, staff and visitors very seriously and are committed to ensuring the water at all of the District's buildings is safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Director of Facilities and Operations, David Ciurczak Jr. at (716) 210-2345 or dcicurczak@starpointcsd.org. Additionally, the Niagara County Department of Health can be reached at (716) 439-7430.

Very Truly Yours,

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