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Superintendent

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Dear Addison 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.addisoncsd.org. 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 building results have been received for all school district buildings. The results indicate a slight elevation of lead in five of the 178 samples collected/tested. All five locations are at the Middle-High School. None of these locations were drinking fountains. After our retest, no other location in the district tested above the threshold. The elevated sources are sinks in three science labs, a staff bathroom, and a student bathroom located in the Middle-High School building. The sinks have been tagged and remediation to correct the problem is underway. Once the remediation is complete, the sources will be retested, to ensure it is deemed compliant.

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 Facilities, Mr. Jim Smith, at 359-3306.

Respectfully,



Joseph DioGuardi
Superintendent of Schools