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Dear W. T. Hoag Educational Center/Annex Building Parents, Students and Staff:

It is a priority of every school district to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for its students, and clean water is no exception. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes, and other plumbing materials. Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers, and lakes. New laws that went into effect in 2014 reduced the amount of lead that plumbing fixtures can contain from 8% to 1%. Brass faucets, fittings and valves – including those advertised as “lead free” – may still contribute lead to drinking water.

The Lake Shore Central District is in compliance with New York State Public Health Laws requiring all schools and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to test potable water outlets for lead contamination, to remediate contamination where found, and to notify parents of children and the public of test results. Levels of lead at any water outlet above 15 parts per billion (ppb) require action to remediate this issue.

As required, the Lake Shore Central District tested all water sources in the W. T. Hoag Educational Center and Annex building for lead on September 24, 2016. As provided to us under specific protocols, first draw water samples were taken after letting the water remain unmoving in the pipes over a period of 8 to 18 hours. The results of this testing were received on October 21, 2016 and of the 67 water samples tested, only 21 showed lead levels above the 15 ppb mark.

Listed below are the areas that exceeded the threshold of 15 ppb:

<b>Locations of Samples Analyzed at or above the NYS Action Level of 15 parts per billion</b>			
Sample #	Classroom or other Location	Outlet type	Laboratory Analysis
104.6-3	Room 101 Sink Closest to the Hallway Entry Door	Sink	28.8
104.6-9	Room 103 Sink Closest to the Hallway Entry Door	Sink	63.5
104.6-14	Room 105 Bubblers	Bubbler	21.5
104.6-22	Room 109 Bubblers	Bubbler	38.4
104.6-23	Room 109 Sink	Sink	18.7
104.6-24	Room 111 Bubblers	Bubbler	21.6
104.6-37	Room 114 Sink	Sink	15.3
104.6-38	Hallway Bubblers Outside of Women's Room Near Room 126	Bubbler	32.3
104.6-47	Room 119 Sink	Sink	18.8
104.6-48	Room 118 Sink	Sink	38.5
104.6-54	Room 148 Left Sink	Sink	17.0
104.6-55	Room 148 Right Sink	Sink	15.9
104.6-59	Room 152 Bubblers	Bubbler	380

104.6-60	Room 152 A Sink	Sink	153
104.6-61	Room 153 Sink	Sink	25.5
104.6-62	Hose Bib on the Exterior of the Boys and Girls Club Office Room 146	Hose Bib	19.1
104.6-63	Hose Bib on the Exterior of the Kitchen	Hose Bib	34.7
104.6-64	Hose Bib on the Exterior of the Buffalo Hearing & Speech Room 107	Hose Bib	37.8
104.6-65	Hose Bib on the Exterior of the YMCA Rooms 104/106	Hose Bib	92.7
104.6-66	Hose Bib on the Exterior of the Family Support Center Room 116	Hose Bib	<250
104.6-67	Hose Bib on the Exterior of the Boys Bathroom Room 125	Hose Bib	61.6

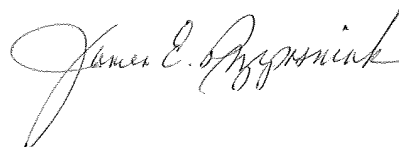
The Lake Shore Central School District is taking a number of steps to correct the problems noted. We have shut off the water supply to those fixtures used for drinking or cooking. Any water sources used for other purposes such as washing and general cleaning have been clearly labeled with warning signs not to be used for drinking or cooking. The next step is to develop a remediation plan that will be approved and guided by the experts in the field of water remediation. Please be assured that adequate water fountains are available throughout the building for student use.

The timetable for remediation of each of the identified sources will depend on the availability of parts, installation, and the process for retesting. It is important to note that none of the sources will be put back into service and available for drinking or cooking until the sources are fully mitigated and meet New York State Department of Health Standards.

A copy of the water testing results is available at the W. T. Hoag Educational Center's main office, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Results are also posted on the District website at [www.lakeshorecsd.org](http://www.lakeshorecsd.org).

For more information about water quality and sampling for lead contact the Erie County Department of Health at 961-6800.

Sincerely,



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