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To: Bainbridge-Guilford Parents or Legal Guardians

Bainbridge-Guilford Staff

From: Tim Ryan, District Superintendent

Date: 12/21/2016

Re: Water Sampling Results

At Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District the health and well-being of our students and staff will always be our highest priority. We also strongly believe in the importance of providing you with timely and accurate information regarding any potential health/safety concerns.

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. To implement this new law, the Department of Health issued emergency regulations, titled Lead Testing in School Drinking Water – 10 NYCRR Subpart 67-4 (Subpart 67-4), effective September 6, 2016.

Schools are responsible for identifying the total number of outlets that require sampling. Samples must be first draw samples, collected in 250 ml containers, and taken from a cold water outlet where the water has been motionless in the pipes for a minimum of 8 hours but not more than 18 hours. Samples must be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified under the Department of Health's Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP).

If the lead levels are detected above 15 parts per billion (ppb) at any potable water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until a lead remediation plan is implemented to mitigate the lead level, and test results indicate that the lead levels are at or below the action level. The school must ensure that building occupants have an adequate alternate supply of potable water for drinking and cooking until the remediation plan is implemented. Schools must report the exceedance to the local health department (LHD) within one business day. Test results must also be provided in writing to all staff and parents no more than 10 business days after receiving the report.

Pursuant to the regulations, the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District sampled 395 potable water outlets that are currently or potentially used for drinking and cooking purposes including but not limited to bubblers, drinking fountains, and faucets. Faucets may be located anywhere on school property where drinking water is currently or potentially obtained, including but not limited to the athletic field. First draw samples were drawn using the EPA's 3 T's Guideline. I am happy to say the drinking water

outlets in the district all passed. Unfortunately, one outlet, which typically is not used for drinking, did not pass.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND this outlet is **NOT** a drinking water outlet, rather used typically for hand washing. The lavatory faucet is located on the second floor boy's bathroom within the Annex building. Although the outlet is not a potable (Drinking) water outlet, the district is required to notify all staff and legal guardians of students of these results. The district shut down this outlet and is in the process of working with the DCMO BOCES Health and Safety Office and the Chenango County Health Department to develop a remediation plan.

Client Sample I.D. #: High School (HS) #152, 2nd. Floor Boys Bathroom, Annex Building

Result: 0.0391

Limit: 0.0150

Collection Date: 10/07/2016

Collection time: 07:00

Analyzed Date: 12/05/2016

Laboratory: Microbac Laboratories

Results received: 12/15/2016

The remediation plan includes;

- Immediately shut water off to this fixture. (done, 12/15/2016)
- Replace fixture with reduced lead fixture. (done, 12/19/2016)
- Test new reduced lead fixture to confirm that the water source is below the action level of 15 ppb. (sample drawn 12/21/2016, waiting for analysis)

The district has posted all of the lab report results to the district website. All sampling records will be retained for a period of 10 years at the district office and are available for review during normal business hours.

For questions on how lead affects the body or the remediation process, please contact the Chenango County Health Department.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Timothy Ryan".

Timothy Ryan, Superintendent