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Dear Families:

As you may know from newspaper accounts, all NYS schools are now required to test for lead in our drinking water. The announcement was provided by the NY State Education Department as follows:

*On September 6, 2016, the Governor signed legislation requiring all school districts 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**.*

The Spackenkill Union Free School District has conducted testing in all of our schools. Dave Downes, Facilities Director, shared this information with the Board of Education at a public meeting in September. As the results are received we will make this information known to our schools and families. The district has already begun replacing drinking fountains, and we are developing a full replacement schedule. New water fountains have filters for reduction of lead, chlorine taste and odor, and Particulate Class I. In the event that testing reveals results above the allowable limit of 15 parts per billion (ppb) we will shut off the water to that fixture.

Test results are in the process of being received. As of today only 8 out of 89 fixtures at Nassau and 4 out of 107 at Hagan exceed the allowable level and have been shut off. Most of these locations are not access points for drinking water, such as a custodian's slop sink. Below is a full accounting of the locations.

Nassau:

- 2 slop sinks
- 1 kitchen sprayer
- 2 classroom water fountains (rooms 49 and 60)
- 2 classroom faucets (rooms 55 and 60)
- 1 hallway water fountain

Hagan:

- 2 bathroom faucets (principal's and conference room baths)
- 1 classroom faucet (room 20)
- 1 classroom water fountain (room 26)

We are still awaiting results from the middle school and high school and will post information on our web page as we receive it. If you have any questions please contact me at mark.villanti@sufsdny.org.

Sincerely,

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