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Dear Parents,

In light of recent news about lead in drinking water, and as part of our responsibility to ensure the safety of the children and staff at Ho-Ho-Kus School, we commissioned the testing of drinking water to be done by Karl Environmental Group. This was done on May 12, 2016. The samples were then evaluated by Suburban Testing Labs, and we received the results this week. The EPA has established a recommended Action Level for lead at 15 parts per billion (ppb). The Action Level is the concentration at which remedial action is warranted. It was found that one of our drinking fountains contained a concentration of 22 ppb on first draw of water and 16 ppb on the second draw. All other drinking water was found to be well below the Action Level. The water fountain in question is located in the Boys Locker near a storage area. It is a water fountain that is rarely used, if ever, given its location in this storage area. We are removing the water fountain and all plumbing with the fountain.

After speaking to the experts at Karl Environmental Group, we were informed that the higher than permitted level was likely due to the fountain rarely being used. We are following their recommendations to remove the fountain and its plumbing. We will also continue to monitor lead in drinking water levels as part of a regular sampling and maintenance plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email dmardy@hohokus.org or call 201-689-0175.

Sincerely,

Dr. Diane G. Mardy