



November 23, 2016

Dear Parents and Staff Members:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. This law, and subsequent NYS Department of Health Regulations, requires samples to be drawn from elementary schools on or before September 30 and from middle and high schools on or before October 31. Samples are required to be “first draw” samples, which requires that the water is motionless for at least eight (8) hours in the pipes and fixtures before it is collected.

The level of lead concentration at a water outlet that requires us to take action is above fifteen (15) parts per billion. Test results, for the 92 outlets sampled, showed that seven outlets in Keeseville Elementary School were above this action level. The location, concentration level and our immediate action plan for each outlet is listed below. We will work with Department of Health officials to determine any required further testing and we will begin remedial work immediately.

We feel it is important to note that several of the locations are typically off-limits to students. In the best interest of the students and staff, we chose to go above and beyond the Regulations’ requirement for sampling of any outlet that had the potential to be used for drinking. The health and wellness of our students and staff is very important to us. We will take all steps necessary to ensure that the water in our buildings is safe to drink, including the ongoing replacement of aging fixtures as part of our preventative maintenance program.

In addition to this notification, test results for all outlets in District school buildings will be posted on our website, www.avcs.org, no later than December 1, 2016.

The results for Keeseville Elementary School are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Concentration Level [ppb]</u>	<u>Action</u>
Custodial Room (Rm 182) Sink	39	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”
Dish Room Handwashing Sink	29.2	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”
Dish Room 3-bay Sink	28.5	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”
Men’s Faculty Bath Sink	18.2	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”



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<u>Location</u>	<u>Concentration Level [ppb]</u>	<u>Action</u>
Tutorial Room (Rm 118) Sink	19.8	Replace faucet and supply lines
Custodial Mop Sink (Rm 123)	15.4	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"
Boiler Room Utility Sink	58	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Buildings and Grounds office at 834-2197.

Sincerely,

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