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To the Students, Families, and Staff of the Wayland Public Schools:

Last week, we sent out a letter regarding our efforts to reduce potential exposure to lead and copper in drinking water at our school buildings. At that point in time, we were able to report on the latest testing results from Happy Hollow, Wayland Middle School, and The Children's Way. We've recently received the results for the remaining three schools.

To review our process thus far, on December 10 samples were collected from all taps and fixtures used for drinking, cooking and medical uses at all the schools. Samples were taken at each tap or fixture for both a first draw sample with the water standing in the tap overnight as well as a flushed sample after the tap was run. For information on sample collection procedures for school samples please see: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/how-to-collect-a-drinking-water-sample-for-lead-and-coppe.html>

Here are the results for Claypit Hill, Loker and Wayland High Schools:

- **Claypit Hill Elementary School:** Out of 70 locations, a sample from a sink faucet in one room (Room 130, the librarian's classroom) had lead levels that exceeded the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, "action level for lead in drinking water at schools and child care facilities." However, after a flushed sample was taken from this location, the lead level came back as non-detectable. This faucet is not normally used for drinking water. Going forward, this faucet will be flushed regularly after any long periods of idleness (such as a vacation week), which is a recommended course of action.
- **Loker Elementary School:** All samples taken from the 44 taps and fixtures at Loker had lead and copper levels below the action levels.
- **Wayland High School:** Out of 42 locations, one kitchen kettle fill faucet which has not been in use, had lead levels above the action level. This faucet will remain out of use, and signage has been posted to this effect.

All participating Massachusetts school district results, including Wayland's, will be published on the MassDEP website in the coming weeks.

The Massachusetts Action Level for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (also known as parts per million). The Massachusetts Action Level for copper in drinking water is 1.3 milligrams per liter (also known as parts per million).

For MassDEP information on lead in drinking water see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/environmental/lead/lead-drinking-water-faq.pdf>

For MassDEP information on copper in drinking water see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/environmental/exposure/copper-drinking-water-faq.pdf>

As we stated in our last correspondence, we consider this testing program essential in safeguarding the health of students, staff and citizens who use school facilities. We remain committed to keeping the public informed and following MassDEP safety guidelines.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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