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Dear Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson School Community,

I am writing to let you know that on September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions.

Our District took immediate action by contracting with *Stohl Environmental* who collected samples from all potable water outlets that are currently or potentially used for drinking and cooking purposes in both Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. We began with our elementary schools first and will now follow the same process with our Middle School and High School.

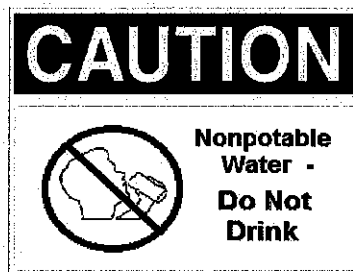
Once the samples were collected, *Stohl Environmental* then sent the samples to be tested through a certified laboratory where strict chain-of-custody protocols are followed to ensure proper analysis. On October 18, 2016, we received the report for water sampling and are now required to notify all staff and all persons in parental relation to students of the test results within 10 business days.

The results are as follows:

At **Theodore Roosevelt**, 78 samples were collected and analyzed and of those 78 samples, 6 have been identified as being above the New York State recommended 15 parts per billion. These 6 areas include a specified sink in Rooms 119, 102, 112D, 211 (2 sinks) and 210. We have immediately closed these 6 areas to ensure that they are not used by any students, staff or the community. These areas will not re-open until they have been retested. Once retested, if the levels are still elevated, then a remediation plan will be put in place to rectify the problem. We have taken this issue very seriously and reassure you that these 6 areas are closed at this time.

At **Woodrow Wilson**, 65 samples were collected and analyzed and of those 65 samples, 3 have been identified as being above the New York State recommended 15 parts per billion. These 3 areas include the staff bathroom (which has not been used by staff for years) on the 2nd floor (both sinks), and the staff bathroom on the 3rd floor (sink). We have immediately closed these 3 areas to ensure that they are not used by any students, staff or the community. These areas will not re-open until they have been retested. Once retested, if the levels are still elevated, then a remediation plan will be put in place to rectify the problem. We have taken this issue very seriously and reassure you that these 3 areas are closed at this time.

I have included the picture below to show you exactly what has been adhered to the impacted areas. This picture indicates that the water is nonpotable and closed at this time. These signs will not be removed until the potable outlets are reported as being below the New York State action level of 15 parts per billion.



The safety of our students, staff and community is of utmost importance. I reassure you that the 6 closed water outlets at Theodore Roosevelt and the 3 closed water outlets at Woodrow Wilson will be remediated so that they meet the New York State recommended 15 parts per billion.

If you have any questions about our District's process for testing all potable water outlets and taking corrective action, please call the District Office at 891-6402.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Galenski
Superintendent of Schools