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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may know, in light of water quality concerns across the country, and in accordance with new guidance from New York State, the Haldane Central School District conducted water quality testing in late September in the Mabel Merritt Building and Haldane Elementary/Middle School Buildings. The testing results are attached. The High School and Haldane Academy were tested last week.

The testing protocol called for water samples to be drawn from all sinks and water fountains after the water had been standing in the pipes for at least eight hours, and again after running the water for 30 seconds. When water sits in leaded pipes for several hours, lead can leach into the water. Running water for 30 seconds to two minutes usually results in dramatically lower levels of lead.

We are pleased to report that all water fountains and all fixtures in food preparation areas were below the 15 parts per billion limit set for lead in drinking water. Overall, of the 99 samples taken, only 11 tested above the lead limits – all of which were non-potable water within our science classrooms, tech classroom, greenhouse, and an athletic office/ice machine room. (Please note that the pipe was not attached to the ice machine.)

In accordance with guidance from New York State, the District immediately placed signs at each sink that was found to contain lead, and/or took them out of commission when they served a limited purpose.

We will let you know the outcome of the High School testing when the results are received. The health and safety of our students is always a top priority.

Sincerely,

Diana Bowers, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

Attachment



### Assessment Results Exceedance Table

Of the 92 samples collected at Haldane Elementary School, 10 (10.9%) had lead concentrations that exceeded 15 ppb. The table below details the sample locations and the laboratory results for the exceedances.

Haldane Elementary School				
Date	Sample ID	Floor	Location	Lead Level (ppb)
09/24/16	HES-07	Bsmt	Sink in Room B7	85.3
09/24/16	HES-18	Grd	Hose bib – Ice Machine Room (Right)	103
09/24/16	HES-57	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sink in Room 103 #1*	106
09/24/16	HES-58	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sink in Room 103 #2*	66.7
09/24/16	HES-59	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sink in Room 103 #3*	59.7
09/24/16	HES-60	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sink in Room 103 #4*	68.4
09/24/16	HES-61	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sink in Room 103 #5*	26.1
09/24/16	HES-63	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sink in Lab Prep Room between Rooms 103 & 101	38.9
09/24/16	HES-68	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sink in Room 104 Prep Room	22.7
09/24/16	HES-69	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sink in Room 101 Green House	76.9

\* Sinks in Room 103 numbered from North to South

Of the 7 samples collected at the Mabel Merrit Building, 1 (14.3%) had lead concentrations that exceeded 15 ppb. The table below details the sample locations and the laboratory results for the exceedances.

Mabel Merrit Building				
09/24/16	MMR-7	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sink in Utility Room behind Room 202	17.0