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Dear parents and guardians,

As you may know, the Cocalico School District periodically tests its water sources to ensure that lead levels do not exceed standards as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). According to the EPA, no lead levels in our drinking water should exceed 0.015 parts per billion (ppb) or 0.015 mg/l.

Two years ago, when we voluntarily checked water sources throughout the district, we found no areas of concern. This year, we tested our water sources again as per Act 39 of 2018 (Section 742 of Pennsylvania's Public School Code). Thus far, we have tested water sources at Denver Elementary School, Cocalico Middle School, Cocalico High School, and Reamstown Elementary School. Adamstown Elementary School is scheduled to be tested later this week.

Results from Denver Elementary School and Cocalico Middle School were all well within acceptable ranges. There was no cause for concern with any of the water sources we tested at those schools. Cocalico High School and Reamstown Elementary School also came back with no areas of concern regarding drinking water sources. However, five water sources in the High School kitchen were slightly elevated, as were two water sources in the Reamstown kitchen and one source in the Reamstown instrumental music room.

Upon the recommendation of our water testing consultant, we flushed those areas and retested them within 24 hours. The second set of results indicated that levels were well within acceptable ranges, except for three water outlets. In the High School kitchen, a cold brew machine and coffee urn (used very infrequently and never for student meals) had levels of .079 and .053 respectively. At Reamstown Elementary, the water faucet used to clean instruments had a level of .037. We will be removing and replacing fixtures and fittings in these water lines and then retesting the water again before using them. No students or staff will have access to the water from these sources until all requirements are met.

When we receive the results from Adamstown Elementary School, we will communicate with those parents and guardians, letting them know the details of the results we found there. In the meantime, if you have specific questions regarding the water testing, please contact our business manager, Sherri Stull, at (717) 336-1413.

Sincerely,

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