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THCSD Families and Community,

The purpose of this letter is to provide further updates on water testing for lead levels in our District. As we continue to receive lead testing results from our lab we feel it is important to share this information with our community immediately. Full results on all of the tests are not available at this time. We will continue to post results on our website as they become available.

Our latest test results indicate above acceptable levels of lead contamination at 29 water outlets. Of these 29 outlets 10 are lab sinks located in science rooms, 10 are hose bib connections (water spigots) located on the outside of the building. One of the sinks is located in the kitchen dishroom for rinsing purposes. Six sinks are located in restrooms and are for handwashing purposes and have been labeled as such. The remaining two sinks are located in S114 and S102 they have been taken out of service. The MCL (*maximum contaminate level*) for lead is 15 *parts per billion*. The individual results for the sinks listed are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Test Result</u>	<u>Action</u>
Kitchen Rinse Sink	17.5 parts per Billion	Replaced
S114 Faucet	19.2 parts per Billion	Removed
S102 Faucet	133 parts per Billion	Turned off
S112J Bathroom Faucet	28.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S212 Bathroom Faucet	58.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S283A Bathroom Faucet	21.8 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S283A Bathroom Faucet	17.0 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S283B Bathroom Faucet	36.8 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Bathroom Faucet	28.7 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 1	49.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 2	18.8 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 3	130 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 4	46.2 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 5	89.8 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 6	63.6 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 7	130 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 8	82 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 9	21.2 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
Outside Hose Bib 10	30.4 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S217 Lab Sink	41.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S217 Lab Sink	38.8 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S217 Lab Sink	53.6 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S217 Lab Sink	39.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S217 Lab Sink	43.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S207 Lab Sink	40.6 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S207 Lab Sink	46.5 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S207 Lab Sink	42.9 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S207 Lab Sink	36.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S207 Lab Sink	36.6 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable

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All of the above readings have been reported to the Columbia County Health Department. We will continue to work closely with them to remedy these issues. We will continue to update our school community as we receive results.

We are working diligently to resolve these issues as they are brought to our attention. Test results as well as other information about the water testing process can be viewed on the school website <http://www.taconichills.k12.ny.us/district/water.htm>. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the testing please contact Mr. Nicholas Smith, Director of Facilities at 518.325.2881. You may also contact the Columbia County Health Department at 518.828.3358.

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