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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. We have received our final round of test results from our laboratory which completes our initial testing phase. We tested every water outlet in the facility which included bathroom faucets, classroom faucets, drinking fountains, and outdoor hose connections. All of our drinking fountains and water filling stations tested at well below the MCL (maximum contaminate level) for lead. The tests that did come back above the MCL were primarily lab sinks and restroom sinks which would not normally be used for potable water. Any sink that came back above the MCL that could potentially be used for consumption was taken from service or replaced.

Of the 74 tests we received in this round the results indicate above acceptable levels of lead contamination in 13 water outlet locations. Of these 13 locations 6 are in science lab sinks, 3 are in shop areas, 2 are in restrooms, 1 is in S180 Family and Consumer Science classroom and 1 is in the copy center. The Family and Consumer Science faucet and copy center outlet have been taken out of service. The other outlets have been labeled as non-potable water sources. The MCL (maximum contaminate level) for lead is 15 parts per billion. The individual results for the sinks listed are as follows:

Location	Test Result	Action
E221 Bathroom Faucet	20.2 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
E222 Bathroom Faucet	15.4 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S180 Classroom Faucet 1	15.1 parts per Billion	Turned Off
S183 Lab Sink	35.6 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S184 Shop Sink 1	16.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S184 Shop Sink 2	18.1 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S186 Shop Sink	21.7 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S187 Lab Sink 1	745 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S187 Lab Sink 2	667 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S187 Lab Sink 3	78.8 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S187 Lab Sink 4	44.6 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S187 Lab Sink 5	26.6 parts per Billion	Labeled as non-potable
S191 Copy Center Faucet	42.3 parts per Billion	Turned off

All of the above readings have been reported to the Columbia County Health Department. We will continue to work closely with them to develop a remediation plan for all of the water outlets that have tested above the MCL. We will also continue to update our school community about the steps we are taking to ensure a safe school environment for our students.

Test results as well as other information about the water testing process can be viewed on the Water Quality section of the school district website. 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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