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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

Clearview Regional High School District is committed to protecting the health of our students and staff. Recently, the Department of Education adopted new regulations, which require all drinking water outlets in our facilities to be sampled for lead. The Clearview Regional High School District has scheduled the lead drinking water sampling for April 14, 2017.

Why Test School Drinking Water for Lead?

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the body from drinking water or other sources. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years old. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At very high levels, lead can even cause brain damage.

Lead is rarely found in the source water; rather it enters the drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the service line or interior plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome-brass faucets, and in some cases, pipes made of lead that connect buildings to water mains (service lines). Since 1986, all plumbing materials must be "lead free". The law currently allows plumbing materials up to 0.25 percent lead to be labeled as "lead free". However, prior to January 4, 2014, "lead free" allowed up to 8 percent lead content of the wetted surfaces of plumbing products including those labeled National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified.

What Actions We Are Taking?

Prior to sampling, we developed a Lead Sampling Plan for the district and conducted a plumbing profile. The purpose of the plumbing profile was to identify all drinking water outlets and evaluate the plumbing materials of the school to determine if lead solder, lead pipes, or a lead service line are present.

Our Lead Sampling Plan may be found on our website.

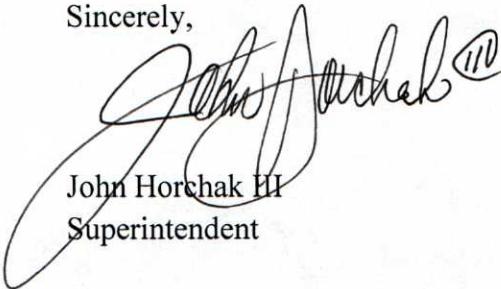
All drinking water outlets in the High School and Middle School will be sampled on April 14, 2017. We anticipate receiving the results from our laboratory within a month of sampling. Upon receiving the sample results, we will inform the school community if any of the drinking water outlets had a result greater than the action level of 15 $\mu\text{g/l}$ (parts per billion [ppb]) and will post all of the results on our website. The results will be used to assist in the prioritization of future water testing for lead in accordance with our Lead Sampling Plan.

We will also implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 $\mu\text{g/l}$ (ppb).

How Can I Learn More?

For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Steve Nicolella, Facilities Director, at 856-223-2784. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or refer to the Department of Environmental Protection's website at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-schools.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Horchak III", with a circled "III" at the end. The signature is written over the printed name and title.

John Horchak III
Superintendent