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TO: Parents and Guardians

RE: Water Quality in Plainedge Schools – Testing Update – 100% in Compliance

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

There has been a great deal of media coverage, over the years, regarding lead contained in the drinking water in schools. I want to take this opportunity to clarify what steps we have taken to ensure the health and safety of the children and staff of the Plainedge Public Schools.

In the month of May 2016, the District contracted JC Broderick (an independent environmental engineering and testing company) to test **ALL drinking (potable) water outlets** located in every school building in the Plainedge Public Schools District. The testing protocol required two samples from every water outlet; the first sample was from the outlet early in the day before water was run through the outlet, and a second sample after water ran through the outlet. Districtwide there were only four (4) outlets that showed elevated levels of lead. Sampling was performed on one hundred eighty-one (181) outlets throughout the district buildings. Lead was detected above the EPA Action Level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) at only two (2) of these locations. In addition, two (2) other locations revealed concentrations of lead between fifteen (15) and twenty (20) ppb. Although these concentrations are below the EPA Action Level, there is concern that potential upcoming New York State regulations may expand to include these criteria. Therefore, the school district elected to remove and replace three (3) of the fixtures, with new equipment and also permanently removed one (1) fixture. We then retested the three upgraded fixtures; they all received a clean bill of health.

In closing, the assessment, testing and remedial activities performed indicate that all of the drinking (potable) water outlets currently servicing the Plainedge Union Free School District school buildings are below the EPA action level for lead and therefore satisfy the Federal guidelines for drinking water in school buildings.

For more information regarding Plainedge's water quality, please view the South Farmingdale Water District 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report: <http://bit.ly/psdwaterquality2018>

Should you have any additional questions please contact my office at any time. Thank you for your continued support of the Plainedge Public Schools.

Sincerely,

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