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Dear Lynbrook Community:

In the district's continued efforts to safeguard its students and staff, the Lynbrook Board of Education and administration proactively and voluntarily contracted with Envirosience, an environmental consulting and testing firm, to test the water at all district-operated buildings for concentrations of lead.

Following guidelines provided by the Environmental Protection Agency, the district tested all water sources (sinks, water fountains and spigots) with a first draw, which means gathering a sample without letting the water run prior to testing. While the EPA recommends remediation of samples that exceed 20 ppb, the district used the more stringent guideline of 15 ppb. Any sample that demonstrated a concentration of lead in excess of 15 ppb upon first draw had two additional flush tests conducted. That means additional samples were collected after allowing the water to run prior to gathering the samples for both 15 seconds and then 60 seconds. Out of all of the water fountain results, only four infrequently used fountains tested with elevated levels. All four have since been removed. They were located in the Main Offices at North Middle and South Middle, in the hallway at Marion Street near Room 19B, and inside Room 19 (Book Room).

All fixtures with samples that tested higher than 15 ppb upon first draw were immediately removed from activity and replaced with new faucets. All fixtures that were replaced were retested prior to the start of school. The district is currently awaiting results of those tests. Under no circumstances were any potable sources put back online prior to receiving confirmation of safety.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff are our top priorities. If you wish to review the complete report, please contact our Department of Facilities at 516-887-0259.

Sincerely,

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