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Dear Parent or Guardian of a Unatego Middle or High School Student,

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. To implement this new law, the Department of Health issued emergency regulations, titled Lead Testing in School Drinking Water -10 NYCRR Subpart 67-4 (Subpart 67- 4), effective September 6, 2016.

Schools are responsible for identifying the total number of outlets that require sampling. Samples must be first draw samples, collected in 250 ml containers, and taken from a cold water outlet where the water has been motionless in the pipes for a minimum of 8 hours but not more than 18 hours. Samples must be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified under the Department of Health's Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP).

For school buildings in service as of the effective date of this regulation, by September 30, 2016, all buildings serving children in prekindergarten through grade five must have collected and submitted a sample from all potable water outlets. Any schools serving children in grades six through twelve, not including children in lower grades, must complete collection and submit samples, from all potable water outlets, by October 31, 2016.

If lead levels are detected above 15 parts per billion (ppb) at any potable water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until a lead remediation plan is implemented to mitigate the lead level, and test results indicate that the lead levels are at or below the action level. The school must ensure that building occupants have an adequate alternate supply of potable water for drinking and cooking until the remediation plan is implemented. Schools must report the exceedance to the local health department (LHD) within one business day. Test results must also be provided in writing to all staff and parents no more than 10 business days after receiving the report.

Pursuant to the accompanying regulations, the Unatego Central School District sampled all potable water outlets that are currently or potentially used for drinking and cooking purposes including but not limited to bubblers, drinking fountains, and faucets. Faucets may be located anywhere on school property where drinking water is currently or potentially obtained, including but not limited to the athletic field. First draw samples were drawn using the EPA's 3 T's Guidelines. Of the 145 samples drawn, 39 exceeded the limit of 15 ppb. Those areas are listed below. School Messenger phone notification is being made to all parents, and legal guardians of students. The district has either shut down these outlets, or posted appropriate signage warning that the water is for hand washing or lab use only, or in the case of the ice machine to fill ice bags in the event of an injury. The District is investigating options regarding remediation, or permanently taking the outlets out of service. If appropriate, resampling will be done following remediation. All sampling records will be retained for a period of 10 years at the district office and are available for review during normal business hours.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 607-988-5038 or by email at drichards@unatego.stier.org

Sincerely,

Dr. David S. Richards, Superintendent of Schools

Outlets at the Junior-Senior High School with levels which exceeded 15 parts per billion (ppb).

10/15/2016 00.00	HS PHOTO DARKROOM SINK 1	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
10/15/2016 00:00	HS ROOM 103 TEACHERS SINK 1	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
10/15/2016 00:00	HS ROOM 103 SINK 2	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
10/15/2016 00.00	HS 210 SINK 8	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
10/15/2016 00:00	HS 210 SINK 9	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
10/15/2016 00:00	HS 210 SINK 11	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
10/15/2016 00:00	HS 212 STATION 1 FAUCET 1	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
10/15/2016 00:00	HS 212 STATION 1 FAUCET 2	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
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10/15/2016 00:00	HS 218 STATION 4 FAUCET 2	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead
10/22/2016 00:00	HS ICE MACHINE	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead