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Dear Alden High School Community:

In an effort to protect public health, New York State (NYS) recently enacted a new regulation requiring that every school test their drinking water for lead. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb), NYS requires that action be taken to reduce the lead. Alden Central School District is committed to protecting the health of students, staff and community groups that utilize our facilities.

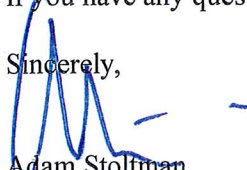
The Alden CSD tested all of the water sources, including those that are primarily used for educational experiences, as well as those that provide drinking water, as specified in the legislation. These tests were completed prior to the established deadlines in the legislation with an outside agency, in accordance with the regulation. In fact, we conducted our testing on Thursday, September 29, 2016, and subsequently received our results within the last ten (10) business days. As provided to us under specific protocols, we took first draw water samples, after letting the water remain unmoving in the pipes for 8 to 18 hours. Of the 118 water samples we tested in the Alden High School, twelve (12) showed lead levels above the 15 ppb mark. Below you will see the sites that exceeded the threshold for the Alden High School as a result of the first draw sampling. We have immediately removed these affected locations from service, and these areas will not re-open until they have been fixed and re-tested. It is important to note that NO drinking fountains were affected.

- *Science Rooms 214 – (2) sinks, 207 – (1) sink, 205 – (2) sinks;*
- *Classroom 208 equipped for science experiments – (2) sinks*
- *Storage rooms 210 – (1) sink, as well as (1) sink between rooms 208 & 204;*
- *Kitchen (3) sinks*

If you have any health-related questions, please contact your family physician, or the Erie County Department of Health at 858-7690.

If you have any questions about our District's response to this, please email me or call my office.

Sincerely,



Adam Stoltman
Superintendent of Schools

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