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Dear Alden Primary 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 its drinking water for lead 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 22, 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 85 water samples we tested in the Alden Primary School, only two (2) showed lead levels above the 15 ppb mark. The sites that exceeded the threshold for the Alden Primary School were the Health Office storage room sink and the kitchen dish wash area sink; these results were obtained from first draw samplings. 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 classroom or hallway drinking fountains were affected.

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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