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Director of School
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Dear North Merrick Community:

As you may be aware, there have been reports of lead being found in water from outlets in schools across the country, including Long Island. To ensure the safety of our students and staff, the North Merrick UFSD has been working in conjunction with J.C. Broderick, an environmental consulting firm, to conduct extensive sampling of our water outlets throughout the district.

All testing procedures conducted were in compliance with the standards set forth in EPA guidelines. The results of the testing revealed 13 outlets with levels that exceeded the EPA guidelines. Of the 13 outlets, four of them were water bubblers and one was an unused kitchen spigot. The remaining outlets were all restroom sinks used for hand washing.

All impacted water bubblers have been removed, taken out of service, or replaced. The new replacement fixtures have been put back into service after confirmation of passing a second test for lead. The hand washing sinks have been placarded to direct users not to consume the water from the outlet. Replacement faucets have been ordered for the hand washing sinks. Once received, the faucets will be replaced and retested.

If you would like to view the full report, please go to the school district's web site and click on the below link to access the full report:

[Lead Testing Report: North Merrick Lead Testing Results](#)

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We will continue to keep you informed of any potential changes regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James Saitta