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Dear Parents and Community Residents,

The New York State Public Health Laws require all school districts to test potable water systems for lead contamination. In compliance and requested by our Board of Trustees, Riverhead Charter School (RCS) had all the water taps in the school tested for lead. The school contracted with Enviroscience Consultants Inc., who collected multiple samples from various locations, such as; drinking fountains, kitchen sinks, bathroom sinks, etc. The samples were then tested through a certified lab that follows protocols set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In testing for lead, the EPA guidance document calls for two tests, a first draw and then a flush draw after water is run through the tap. As required for the first draw water samples, it was taken after letting the water remain unmoving in the pipes over a period of 8 to 18 hours. The results of these tests were received and out of the 60 water samples tested, only 1 exceeded the EPA Action level of the 15 ppb (parts per billion) mark for lead.

Remediation was required in the following location:

Room 215 Teacher Station Sink

As a first step taking the necessary steps to correct the problem, we have shut off the water supply to that fixture as a drinking water source. The water source used for purposes other than hand washing and general cleaning has been clearly labeled with warning signs not to be used for drinking or cooking. The next step is to develop a remediation plan that will be approved and guided by Enviroscience Consultants, Inc.

We take the well-being of our students and staff seriously and a high priority. We will continue to update you as additional testing is conducted and work is completed. We will conduct testing annually as required by NYS Department of Health to be sure that our water is safe in every location at our school.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Raymond Ankrum
Superintendent