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Dear Parents/Legal Guardian and Staff:

The Health and Safety of students and staff at Mt. Pleasant Cottage School UFSD is our number one priority. On September 6, 2016 Governor Cuomo signed legislation which requires all public schools in New York State to test all potable water sources for lead. The regulation requires public schools to conduct lead sampling every five years. For the 2023 round of sampling, Mt. Pleasant Cottage School UFSD collected the water samples in accordance with the New York State Department of Health regulations.

We recently tested a total of 79 sources of water which were collected and analyzed by a laboratory certified by the New York State Department of Health. The district obtained results indicating 68 sources tested were below the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York State Department of Health Action Level for schools. 11 sources tested were above the maximum contamination level (MCL) set by NYSDOH of 0.005 mg/L parts per billion (ppb).

Our facilities staff added filters to each location, and we completed a second test with 3 handwashing sinks still above the maximum contamination level. These 3 locations have been shut off while we continue to remediate and retest.

The district contacted the New York State Department of Health and reported all results obtained from the sampling. We have placed the Testing and Water Management Plan report on our web page for your review under the Parent Information tab.

While we know that this information will bring peace of mind to all our staff, students, and parents, we will continue to upkeep and monitor our drinking water outlets to federal, state, and local guidelines. There is nothing that we take more seriously than the well-being of our students and staff.

We will keep you informed about this issue. Please contact Angelo Rubbo, Assistant Superintendent for Business at (914) 769-0456 ext. 1203 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Beovich
Superintendent of Schools