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## PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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October 24, 2016

Dear School Community/Staff/Students,

It is a priority of every school district to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for its students, and clean water is no exception. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes, and other plumbing materials. Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers, and lakes. New laws that went into effect in 2014 reduced the amount of lead that plumbing fixtures can contain from 8% to 1%. Brass faucets, fittings and valves – including those advertised as “lead free” – may still contribute lead to drinking water.

The Pine Valley Central School District is in compliance with New York State Public Health Laws requiring all schools and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to test potable water outlets for lead contamination, to remediate contamination where found, and to notify parents of children and the public of test results. Levels of lead at any water outlet above 15 parts per billion (ppb) require action to remediate this issue. As required, the Pine Valley Central School District tested all water sources in every building for lead on September 24, 2016. As provided to us under specific protocols, first draw water samples were taken after letting the water remain unmoving in the pipes over a period of 8 to 18 hours. The results of this testing were received on October 18, 2016 and of the 66 water samples tested, only 1 showed lead levels above the 15 ppb threshold. This sink is an infrequently used hand wash sink located in the kitchen at Pine Valley Elementary School.

The Pine Valley Central School District is taking a number of steps to correct the problem. We have shut off the water supply to that fixture used for drinking and cooking. Any water sources used for other purposes such as showering and general cleaning have been clearly labeled with warning signs not to be used for drinking or cooking. The next step is to develop a remediation plan for that source that will be approved and guided by the experts in the field of water remediation.

The timetable for remediation of this identified source will depend on the availability of parts, installation, and the process for retesting. It is important to note that this source will not be put back into service and available for drinking or cooking until this source is fully mitigated and meets New York State Department of Health Standards.

A copy of our water testing results is available at any of the Pine Valley Central School District building's main offices, which are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Results are also posted on the District website at [www.pval.org](http://www.pval.org).

For more information about water quality and sampling for lead contact the Erie County Department of Health at 961-6800 or the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services at 753-4000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott E. Payne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.