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Dear Berlin Families,

As you may know, all school districts are testing water for lead as part of a new state requirement. Water fixtures were independently tested by Questar III Health & Safety, and sent to a certified environmental laboratory for analysis. We have received results from water quality testing at Berlin Middle/High School.

Of the 96 water samples taken throughout Berlin MS/HS, 34 had results above the 15 parts per billion (ppb) action level set by New York State. All of the positive results were in faucets or sinks that are not primarily used for water consumption. Details are listed below.

Women's Bathroom Faucet - 17 ppb	Kitchen Bathroom Faucet - 15 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 72 ppb	Health Office Sink Faucet - 19 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 68 ppb	Guidance Bathroom Faucet - 16 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 76 ppb	MS Boys' Bathroom Faucet - 23 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 91 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 79 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 83 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 92 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 86 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 79 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 79 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 62 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 84 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 122 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 82 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 51 ppb
Room 127 Sink Faucet - 70 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 82 ppb
Prep Room 126/127 Faucet – 19 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 118 ppb
Prep Room 126/127 Faucet – 28 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 89 ppb
Room 126 Sink Faucet - 20 ppb	Room 125 Class Faucet - 86 ppb
Room 126 Sink Faucet - 46 ppb	Room 127 Class Faucet - 74 ppb

Room 126 Sink Faucet - 19 ppb	Room 126 Class Faucet - 70 ppb
Room 119 Washer/Dryer Faucet - 19 ppb	Room 126 Science Lab Hood - 16 ppb

As soon as we received the results, we immediately informed staff that the identified faucets cannot be used for drinking water, but are safe for washing hands. Signs were placed on all faucet locations indicating that water is not for drinking purposes.

The long term remediation requires planning and discussions with an architect or engineer. It is very likely that the long term solution will be to replace existing pipes and/or fixtures.

In addition to sharing our test results with parents, guardians and staff, we also shared all data with the County Department of Health and Questar III's Health & Safety Service.

At Berlin Central School District, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment, and we wanted to make you aware of the results.

The complete lab reports are posted to our website.

Please be assured that we will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that the quality of our drinking water meets the new state regulations. You may contact my office at 518-658-2690 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephen Young

Dr. Stephen Young
Superintendent