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Dear Sacred Heart Families,

Recently much has been written about the testing in schools in NYC and the Upper Counties for lead in water.

Even though New York's water is of the highest quality in the country, meeting or exceeding all federal and state standards, and is tested over 500,000 times each year at various points throughout the system, out of an abundance of caution, the Archdiocese of New York embarked on a program of water testing in our schools. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, the flushing and testing of water in individual fixtures and school building pipes was done here at Sacred Heart School in accordance with Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) protocols.

With regard to lead detection in our water, after a "first flush" test, one of our fixtures exceeded acceptable levels. After a second "draw down" (where the water was allowed to run for an extended period of time) it passed the test...the levels were normal. Sacred Heart School's water test results indicated the need for remedial action to be taken on the sink just off the Nurse's Room on the Stage. This affected fixture has been temporarily disabled and taken out of use while remedial steps are conducted. The permanent remediation of said fixture is being coordinated by the Division of Real Estate and David Brown with Aramark.

Please know there are sufficient water fountains providing fresh, clean water that is safe to drink for our students and staff. Unfortunately at this same time the 2 water fountains in the main hallway have been turned off. We are waiting for parts to come in because they continually leak. A letter will be sent home to notify school families once this remediation is completed.

Please know that your child's safety and well-being is always our primary concern, and is a responsibility we take seriously and a commitment we share with you.

Sincerely,

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