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Water Testing Update: March 1, 2017

A meeting was held this morning to discuss the remediation plan and continued water testing in the district. The meeting was attended by:

- Edward Forsthoffer, Superintendent
- Eloi Richardson, Business Administrator
- Brian Usilton, Director of Facilities
- Michael Young, Research Scientist
- Noel Abraham, Sample Collector

A plan was announced at the previous BOE meeting and through an email that stated the following:

1. Classrooms that have water fountains within the classroom will be eliminated for grades one and higher.
2. Fountains in all kindergarten and pre-school classrooms will be replaced. These new fountains will have filters that are designed to filter for lead.
3. Signs will be placed on all classroom sinks indicating that they are for handwashing only.
4. All hallway fountains, in CBS, PMS, MIS, and BRMS will be replaced with water fountains that will have filters designed for filtering lead.
5. Some of these new hallway fountains will also contain a bottle filling station so that students who bring water bottles to school can refill with filtered water. These will be installed in each of the 5 schools.
6. All sites that have tested for elevated levels of lead, whether in the first draw sample or the flush test sample, will be retested if they are still in operation and a new fountain is installed.
7. Next year, the district will complete another full scale lead testing.

Progress:

1. There are two samples that need to be retested. One had a frozen line and the other was the high school concession stand ice machine (which was not in use for the second testing). These two sites will be tested with our first phase completion which is estimated to be mid-April.
2. All accessible water fountains that are still in use tested at appropriate levels. They will remain in use although they will be replaced or taken out of commission.

3. First Phase

- a. The district has 8 ice machines. All ice machines will be fitted with filters that are NSF certified for filtering lead. All 8 of these machine will be retrofitted during this first phase.
 - b. The four hallway/gymnasium fountains at Clara Barton Elementary School will be replaced with new fountains that use NSF certified filters and have bottle filling stations.
 - c. Two of the kindergarten classrooms will have their classroom water fountains removed and new fountains/bubblers with NSF filters will replace the existing hardware.
 - d. Westchester Environmental will revisit these 14 sites (as well as the previously mentioned 2 sites that require retesting) and test them using the more stringent Initial First Draw Test (that requires the water to lie stagnant for at least 8 hours).
 - e. Once these results indicate that the various filtering configurations are working, we will release these for general use at and then begin replacing the rest of the kindergarten classroom fountains in CBS and all of the hallway and pre-school/kindergarten classroom in PMS as the next phase.
4. There was some discussion on the “dead legs” issue mentioned at the last Board meeting. Mr. Young spoke with DEP and they had never had the question before. However, we have a plan in place for removing all dead legs in our system: All hallway fountains will be replaced and classroom fountain or additional sites would be capped back at the line so there is no standing water at a dead end pipe.