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Dear Hudson CSD Families,

I am writing to report the results of water testing that occurred at Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School (MCSIS) this fall. (To read this letter in another language, please visit www.hudsoncityschooldistrict.com/water-testing/index.php and choose your language from the "Select Language" drop down menu.)

In accordance with new state legislation, we tested samples from all of the priority drinking water locations at each school building throughout the district (i.e., water fountains, cafeterias, and nurse's office faucets), as well as water from faucets used for purposes other than water consumption (e.g., bathroom sinks, hoses). The new legislation states that action is required if lead levels exceed 15 parts per billion (ppb).

The results from the recent water testing at MCSIS identified a few areas that require remediation. In total, three locations (out of 81 samples taken) returned evidence of lead levels above the Environmental Protection Agency standard of 15 ppb. The three locations with elevated lead levels are not typically used for water consumption:

Location	Lead parts per billion	Action
2nd floor Boys' locker room (middle sink)	45 ppb	Shut off and will be removed
2nd floor Men's faculty bathroom (right sink)	100 ppb	Labeled for hand washing only; faucet will be replaced
2nd floor Men's faculty bathroom (left sink)	30 ppb	Labeled for hand washing only; faucet will be replaced

Although these areas are not considered to be primary drinking locations, we immediately informed staff that the identified faucets cannot be used for drinking water (however they are safe for washing hands). Signs were placed on all faucet locations indicating that water is not for drinking purposes. Outlets that tested below the action level remain in service with no restrictions. **Please be assured that all other water locations at MCSIS tested below the state threshold for lead and are safe for drinking.**



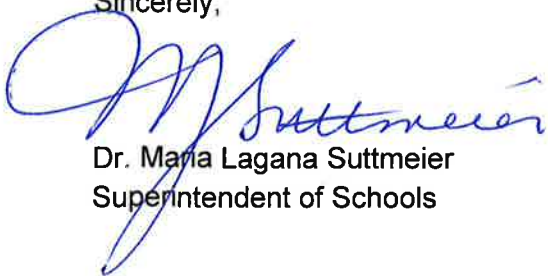
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The remediation plan for the affected areas includes replacing fixtures. Following the remediation of the above locations, the water will be retested. These areas will not be labeled as safe for drinking until the additional sample results return at or below the action level of 15 ppb.

The continued health and safety of our students and staff remains a top priority, and we wanted to make you aware of the results when they became available. Our complete lab reports are posted to our website at <http://www.hudsoncityschooldistrict.com/water-testing/index.php>

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. We will keep you updated as this process continues. You may contact my office at (518) 828-4360, ext. 2101 with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Suttmeier", written over the typed name.

Dr. Maria Lagana Suttmeier
Superintendent of Schools