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Dear Parents,

As you’re likely aware, lead in drinking water has been in the news and has become a concern to the public at large. To that end, on September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed into law a bill requiring all school districts and BOCES to test potable water outlets for lead contamination.

We learned today the levels of lead in the drinking water tested from some outlets at the Career and Technical Education Center (Gibson Road) was above State standards.

The Health and Safety of your children and everyone in our learning community remains our highest priority and is at the forefront of our decision making. Therefore, our initial response is to turn off two affected water fountains and post signage at affected sinks and eyewash stations.

If you should have any questions, please contact Jack DeGraw, Orange-Ulster BOCES Health and Safety Coordinator, at 845-781-4887 or john.degraw@ouboces.org.

Sincerely,

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