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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our ongoing efforts to address student and staff safety, Millbury Public Schools applied for and was selected to participate in a voluntary program to test all three of our schools for possible traces of lead and copper in our drinking water. While we have no evidence of lead or copper in our water source, the plumbing and fixtures in our buildings may contain lead or copper. The Massachusetts Action Level for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (also known as parts per million).

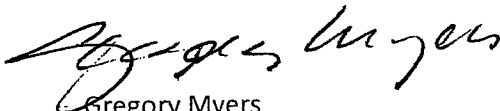
On April 26, 2016, Governor Charlie Baker and State Treasurer Deb Goldberg announced that \$2 million from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT) will fund cooperative efforts to help Massachusetts public schools test for lead and copper in drinking water. The funds, to be used by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental protections (MAssDEP), will provide technical assistance to ensure that public school districts can sample the taps and water fountains in their schools, and to take action to mitigate lead and copper contamination over the action level.

The program consists of a fairly extensive sample of all taps, faucets, and fixtures used for drinking water and food and beverage preparation in each of these schools. Two samples will be taken in each fixture at each school and sent to a laboratory for analysis. Once the results are provided to the district, the community will be notified and any necessary technical assistance will be provided to the district by MassDEP. We will also work closely with the town's Board of Health and Aquarion Water Company.

More information about the Assistance Program for Lead in School Drinking Water program can be found at <http://www.mass.gov.eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/testing-assistance-for-lead-in-school-drinking-water.html>

Once we have a final report on the results of the water testing I will send you an updated notice.

Sincerely,


Gregory Myers
Superintendent