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Dear SCS Community –

As follow up to our June and July communications with you, I'm writing to update you on the continued steps we are taking here at Skaneateles Schools in regards to the recent drinking water issues you may have heard of in surrounding districts and districts outside of NYS. These issues prompted us to test our own school water for lead and copper following the guidance of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As noted in last month's communications, this testing was completed in mid-June and we have recently received the results.

While the vast majority of the testing from all buildings came back well within regulatory action levels, we are continuing to study findings in eight specific areas – five office areas, two intermittent student support rooms, one classroom, and one kitchen area – as we do not yet have definitive results. These areas will require further investigation including additional testing.

While we are conducting the additional tests, access to water in the areas in question will be shut off until we can determine whether an issue exists and if so, where it might be stemming from. We anticipate these tests will be completed and the results back to us before the end of next week. We will continue working diligently with the village, Onondaga County Health Department, and our local BOCES Health and Safety Office and will report our findings to you thereafter.

Rest assured the safety of our students and school community is of utmost priority to us as is transparent communication as we continue with our research.

Thanks very much and please do not hesitate to call, email, or come see us to discuss any questions or concerns that you might have.

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