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Dear Parents & Guardians: Hugh R. Jones Elementary School

On September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed new legislation requiring the testing of drinking water in New York public schools for lead levels. The new legislation is explained in a document entitled: "State Department of Health Issues New Regulations to Mandate Lead Testing in New York Elementary Schools by October 30th, and in the Secondary Schools by October 31<sup>st</sup>; New York is the First State in the Nation to Complete Lead Testing in All School Districts by the End of 2016." To access this document, please visit the following link:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-landmark-legislation-test-drinking-water-new-york-schools-lead>

The regulations adopted by the N.Y.S. Department of Health require that a public school take samples from all water outlets in each of its buildings to ascertain whether any lead readings in the water exceed the state required "action-levels." A "water outlet" is defined as a potable water fixture currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking purposes, including, but not limited to, bubblers, drinking fountains, and faucets.

In anticipation of this legislation, we have tested all applicable water fixtures to test for lead levels. A full Comprehensive Report of the sampling program is available on the school's website: <http://www.uticaschools.org/Jones>.

There were 68 water fixtures tested; and 0 showed lead levels above the allowable 15 ppb (parts per billion) marks:

Based on those results, no further action is required.

If you should have any questions on the above at any time, please feel free to contact me on my office phone: (315) 792-2231.

Thank you,

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cc: Bruce Karam – Superintendent of Schools  
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FILE: Lead-In-Water 2016

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