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Dear Parent/Guardian:

About a month ago I wrote to you regarding several safety practices at school including the pending lockdown drills. That first drill, as I shared through our emergency alert system, went very well and we appreciate the work of students, staff, and our families. The second of the four drills is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. As with our prior drill we will send an alert before and after to remind you of the practice. Two additional drills will be held later this year. Please note that these future drills will not be announced in advance so that the situation is as realistic as possible for students and staff. We will, however, send you an alert when the drill is finished so that you are aware of the activity. **I want to note that local first responders, including police agencies, will be asked to take part in our future drills. They will be on hand so as to be familiar with our practices and to collaborate with us on continuing improvements in our plans.**

In addition, I recently spoke with Albion Police Chief Roland Nenni following one of the regular meetings on school safety that Orleans County school superintendents, law enforcement officers, and other agencies attend. Chief Nenni was interested in expanding officers' routine patrols and non-emergency visits at our schools. We welcome the presence and participation of our first responders in campus life.

The final safety item that I wish to share with you is the information regarding the testing of school water for lead.

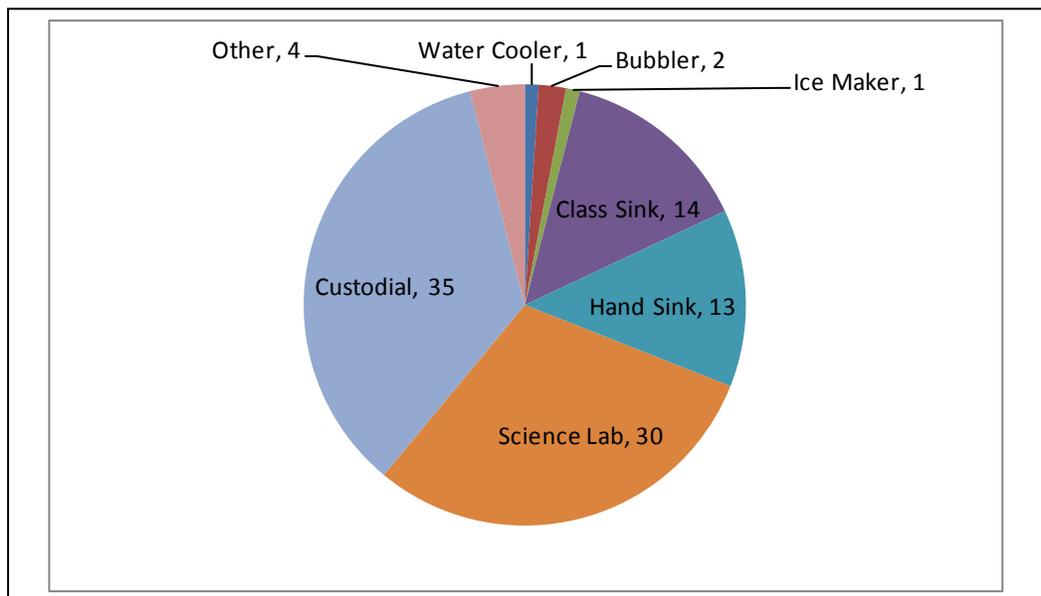
- Last school year, following reports of concern about lead in drinking water elsewhere, we voluntarily took 12 samples of drinking water from locations in our school buildings. These samples were all tested and registered below federal standards, 20 parts per billion—the only governmental health standards at the time.
- On September 6, 2016 New York Governor Cuomo signed a law directing that water be tested from every water outlet that is or could be used for drinking or cooking in all schools containing elementary grades by September 30 and all other schools by October 31.
- During the months of September and October we had a water testing firm collect samples from all of our water outlets on campus—not just those that are or could be used for drinking or cooking.
- Samples were collected in phases because our campus has more than 600 fixtures and the water in the building must be unused for at least 8 hours before sampling.
- The first phase tested the 138 known drinking fixtures including cafeteria water sources, ice machines, and drinking fountains; 6 of the 138 were found to exceed the state threshold.
 - Each of these units was shut down immediately when we learned the results.
 - Four of these (a water fountain at the high school that had been out of service waiting for parts for a while, the cafeteria steam pot at the high school, the athletics ice machine at the high school, and a drinking fountain in the art storage room at the elementary school) have been corrected since the shutoff and retested below the threshold.
 - Two of these (the cafeteria steam pot at the elementary school and a water fountain inside the girls' locker room at the high school) are still out of use and will remain so until they are retested and are below the state threshold.

- The second and third phases of our program tested the remainder of our water fixtures—those typically not used for drinking including nearly 500 hand wash sinks, science lab sinks, and custodial area water sources.
 - 27 hand wash sinks exceeded the threshold
 - 30 science lab sinks exceeded the threshold
 - 35 custodial area mop sinks and service hoses exceeded the threshold
- These units have been shut off or labeled that they are not to be used for drinking purposes as the regulations permit.
- The summary of testing results is presented below. The complete set of lab reports can be found on our website at <http://www.albionk12.org/watertesting> .
 - If you have questions regarding this information, I would invite you to call me at 589-2056.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Bonnewell
Superintendent of Schools

	Water Cooler	Water Bubbler	Ice Machine	Classroom Sink	Hand Sink	Science Lab	Hose Unit/Janitorial Slop Sink	Other	Building Total
ES		1		3	3		10	1	18
MS				6	5	7	10		28
HS	1	1	1	5	4	23	9	2	46
Garage					1		6	1	8
TOTAL	1	2	1	14	13	30	35	4	100



A “bubbler” is a non-chilled drinking fountain. The two were in the elementary school art storage room and inside the high school girls’ locker room.

The four “other” items were the cafeteria steam pots at the elementary and high schools, the high school kiln room sink, and a hose station at the bus garage.