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Dear Penn Manor Community Members,

Safety is our No. 1 concern in Penn Manor School District. As part of our dedication to safety, and in response to concerns raised throughout the United States regarding lead in drinking water, we recently tested water in all nine occupied Penn Manor school buildings.

We are happy to report that the testing found no problems in eight schools. We did find water samples at Martic Elementary School that showed elevated levels of lead in two classroom sinks. The sinks in question were used infrequently, and not typically for drinking water. We have consulted with medical and engineering experts about the results, and we do not believe that students or staff at Martic were exposed to dangerous levels of lead from the school's water system.

We shared the test results with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which reassured us that we are not required to stop using the water. However, as a precaution, we have switched to bottled water for drinking at Martic until further notice.

We are now working with our engineering consultants to reduce lead levels in the Martic water distribution system and plumbing fixtures. We are taking additional steps outlined by DEP, including water quality parameter testing, lead and copper testing (every six months), and a corrosion control feasibility study. These procedures are under way.

Parents with concerns about possible lead exposure are urged to contact their family physician to determine if lead testing is warranted for their child/children.

If you have additional concerns about the situation at Martic, please contact me at 872-9500.

Sincerely,

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