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Dear Families and Staff,

As a follow up to the letter the New York City Department of Education (DOE) sent on March 23, 2016, outlining the number of proactive, ongoing measures the DOE is taking to ensure that the water in New York City schools is safe for students and staff, I want to share some additional information about water testing for lead at Hebrew Language Academy.

The water at Hebrew Language Academy was tested on March 17, 2017, and the results came back completely **negative** for elevated lead levels. This information is also available on the DOE's searchable database at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/schools/watersafety.htm>.

New York City's water is of the highest quality, meeting or exceeding all federal and State standards. The City regulates its own watershed that surrounds — and protects — our reservoirs, and the water is tested over 500,000 times each year at various points throughout the system. Beyond these extensive measures, the DOE works with City agencies, including the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to ensure our students have access to safe drinking water in schools.

DEP has invested more than \$10 billion over the last decade to maintain and improve our water supply infrastructure. Between 2008 and 2010, DEP worked with DOE and other city agencies to identify and remove lead service lines to schools and other municipal buildings.

Please be reassured that the water in our school is safe to drink. While there is no cause for concern about the water at Hebrew Language Academy we understand that you take your child's safety seriously and we share that commitment to safety with you.

Sincerely,
Mr. Peter Katcher
Head of School