

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

NYS public schools are subject to water/lead testing to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYS DOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking.

Two changes have occurred in state regulations. First, we are now required to test all faucets (outlets) every three years, whereas in the past, it was every five years. Second, the Department of Health has lowered the lead action level threshold from 15 parts per billion to 5 parts per billion since the last round of testing. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 5 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ ), the NYS DOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

The District has completed the lead in drinking water testing per the Department of Health requirements. As part of the lower threshold, we initially had 16 fixtures that did not meet the standard. To date, 15 of those fixtures have been remediated and one (1) fixture remains out of use and will be remediated as soon as possible. We will then retest that fixture to ensure the new readings are below the threshold.

If you have any questions after reading this letter, please reach out. For specific information on the remediation of the affected outlets, please contact Mr. Shawn Mason at (585) 374-7975.

NCS Facilities Department