

Saranac Central School District

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Dear Parents and Staff Members:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts in New York State to test water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. This law, and subsequent NYS Department of Health Regulations, requires samples to be drawn from elementary schools on or before September 30 and from middle and high schools on or before October 31. Here in the Saranac District, we collected samples in our elementary schools on September 17 and in the middle and high schools on October 1. Samples are required to be “first draw” samples, which requires that the water is motionless for at least eight (8) hours in the pipes and fixtures before it is collected.

The level of lead concentration at a water outlet that requires us to take action is above fifteen (15) parts per billion. Test results that were received by the District on October 2nd for the 49 outlets tested showed that four outlets in Saranac Elementary School were above this action level. The locations, the concentration levels and our immediate action plan for the outlets is listed below. The Department of Health (DOH) has indicated to us that all water in our buildings is safe for handwashing and that exposure can only occur from drinking the water. We will continue to work with DOH officials to determine any retesting protocols we are required to put in place and we have arranged with a plumbing contractor to replace the fixtures as soon as possible.

Please be assured that health and wellness is very important to us and that we will take all steps necessary to ensure that the water in our buildings is safe to drink.

In addition to this notification, test results for all outlets in District school buildings will be posted on our website, www.saranac.org, in the near future.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Concentration Level</u>	<u>Action</u>
Sink in Mrs. Mather’s Room	19 parts per billion	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”
Sink in Mrs. Hamel’s Room	52 parts per billion	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”
Sink in Primary Girls’ Bathroom	20 parts per billion	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”
Sink in Ms. Delamarter’s Room	25 parts per billion	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the main office in your child’s building or the Buildings and Grounds office at 565-5620.

Sincerely,

Jonathan A. Parks
Superintendent of Schools

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Director of Facilities II