

November 15, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may remember that in **March 2016** the District proactively tested the drinking and/or cooking water sources in all of our buildings. These tests included corridor drinking fountains, kitchen sinks, nurses' office sinks and fountains, appliance areas, and a targeted survey in each building as a means to identify systemic issues.

Of the 228 faucets/fountains tested, 20 showed lead levels above the EPA's 15 parts per billion (ppb) threshold for schools (the general public threshold is 20 ppb). All 20 drinking water fixtures identified in the initial March testing were taken offline or corrected and retested, as appropriate.

In September 2016, new legislation was enacted that requires public schools to test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. Out of an abundance of caution, we tested ALL of the remaining water fixtures in each school building regardless of its use or purpose.

Over 600 fixtures were tested, including every classroom and restroom sink, even if they were not intended to be used for drinking. Of the more than 600 additional samples tested, 94 did not meet the NYS Education Department's threshold of 15 ppb. Immediate action was taken by turning off and/or placing a "do not drink" sign on these fixtures:

<u>PCSD Building</u>	<u>Restroom/Classroom Sinks</u>
Allen Creek Elementary School	4 sinks
Jefferson Road Elementary School	12 sinks
Mendon Center Elementary School	9 sinks
Park Road Elementary School	4 sinks
Thornell Road Elementary School	11 sinks
Barker Road Middle School	14 sinks
Calkins Road Middle School	1 sink
Mendon High School	20 sinks
Sutherland High School	6 sinks

Remediation of these sink fixtures may include replacement, repairs or taking them offline. Then, retesting will be conducted on the corrected units. "Do not drink" signage will remain until such units meet the mandated 15 ppb or less threshold.

The sampling in Pittsford CSD was conducted by Envoy Environmental, a third-party environmental consulting firm, which utilized NYS certified laboratory National Testing Laboratory (Cleveland, OH) for testing. Envoy's result summaries of this latest round of tests, as well as the March test results, can be found on the District website at www.pittsfordschools.org/water. You will also find resources to assist in informing you about the recently enacted legislation, a sample of the "do not drink" signage we are posting, and links to other state and federal websites for more information.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our first priority. While the state mandate requires testing every five years, the PCSD will continue to monitor and test throughout our remediation periods. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or your child's principal.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Michael D. Pero
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