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Dear Rockland BOCES Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Current regulations require Rockland BOCES to perform periodic water testing for lead in drinking water in each BOCES school building in accordance with New York State guidelines. New York State recently reduced the limit for lead in public schools and BOCES' drinking water from 15 parts per billion (ppb) to 5 ppb.

During April, May and June 2024, Rockland BOCES Health and Safety Department collected additional water samples for a total of 118 water outlets sampled at the Rockland BOCES Main Campus Buildings, Jesse J. Kaplan School, Hilltop School and Hudson Valley P-TECH/CABAS locations. A certified laboratory was used for analysis. Outlets that initially tested below the action level remain in service with no restrictions.

The outlets listed below produced laboratory results above 5 ppb lead at initial testing:

- Rockland BOCES Main Campus – one kitchenette sink and one classroom sink in Building #3; two kitchenette sinks in Building #4
- Jesse J. Kaplan School (CTE Culinary Arts) – all sampled outlets resulted in compliance upon initial testing
- Hilltop School (Gerald Neary Elementary School) – one kitchen sink
- Hudson Valley P-TECH/CABAS (Tappan Zee Elementary School) – two kitchen sinks, six classroom sinks, one guidance office sink
- River View High School/BOCES Adult Education Center – two classroom sinks

The outlets listed above were either remediated and resampled, producing laboratory results below the action level, or designated **NOT FOR DRINKING USE** as specified by New York State guidelines. All laboratory results are posted on the Rockland BOCES website (<https://www.rocklandboces.org>).

Rockland BOCES is in compliance with New York State lead in school drinking water guidelines.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Superintendent/COO