



Amherst Central School District

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Dear Amherst Middle School Parent/Guardian,

As a district, we are committed to the safety and education of all our students and we also want to clearly communicate with parents about our learning environment.

The Amherst Central School District is in compliance with regulations issued by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) requiring all school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to test potable water fixtures used for drinking or cooking purposes for lead contamination, to remediate contamination, and to notify parents of children and the public of test results. Levels of lead at any water outlet above 15 parts per billion (ppb) require action to remediate this issue and trigger notification requirements.

As required, the Amherst Central School District tested all water sources in every school building for lead. Consistent with regulatory requirements, first draw water samples were taken after letting the water remain motionless in pipes for a minimum of 8 hours and a maximum of 18 hours. I am writing to share the initial results we received for testing at Amherst Middle School.

In total, 123 samples were collected at Amherst Middle School with 12 samples exceeding the threshold of 15 ppb, as follows:

- Boy's South Gym Hallway to Locker Room Bubbler
- Girl's South Gym Hallway to Locker Room Bubbler
- North Gym Girl's Locker Room Bubbler
- Room 111 Right Sink
- 113 Hallway Bubbler
- 127 Hallway Bubbler
- DO Men's Bathroom from Left B Sink
- 213 Hallway Bubbler
- 201 Hallway Bubbler
- 212 Hallway Bubbler
- Kitchen by Salad Bar Area Ice Machine
- Kitchen Hose Bib

In response to the receipt of these test results, the water outlets that exceeded the testing level have immediately been taken out of service. The next step is to develop a remediation plan that will be approved and guided by the experts in the field of water remediation.

It is important to note that none of the sources will be put back into service and available for drinking or cooking until the sources are fully mitigated, re-tested and meet NYSDOH Standards.

The water testing results are available on the District website at www.amherstschoools.org under Departments / Facilities.

For more information about water quality and sampling for lead you may want to contact the Erie County Department of Health at 961-6800. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Rampado, ACSD Director of Facilities, at 362-8151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony J. Panella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anthony Panella
Superintendent of Schools