



SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Willow Ridge Elementary Community Member:

Safe and healthy school environments can foster healthy and successful children. 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. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), the NYS DOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead. It is important to note that the acceptable threshold changed from the last round of testing completed in 2021. At that time districts were required to report any outlet at levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb).

Last month, we sampled 60 water outlets at Willow Ridge Elementary using an outside testing laboratory and standard industry protocols. We received our results and learned that 38 had test results exceeding the state threshold. We plan to flush and retest all identified sources. The list of affected outlets is attached to this letter.

While awaiting the results of this retesting, we are taking every precaution and following the state legislation and Department of Health guidelines to the letter. At this time, we have shut off the water supply at all identified water sources. When our retesting is complete, we will remediate any identified outlets and will not return them to service until they meet state thresholds and are marked appropriately.

We will provide more information as it becomes available. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 250-1402.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael V. Ginestre
Superintendent of Schools

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2025 Water Testing Results
Willow Ridge Elementary School

LOCATION	TEST RESULT (parts per billion)
W-8 Kitchen L Sprayer	6.6
W-9 Kitchen R Sink	11.0
W-12 Girls LR Ofc Lav Sink	461
W-13 Boys LR Ofc Lav Sink	11.1
W-15 Boys LR Sink	50.4
W-26 Room 309 Sink	5.3
W-27 Room 311 R Sink	41.6
W-27A Room 311 L wash sink	8.8
W-28 Room 313 Sink	111
W-29 Room 315 Sink	7.6
W-33 Room 314 Sink	7.5
W-35 Room 312 Sink	26.5
W-36 Room 310 Sink	15.4
W-38 Room 306 Sink	8.4
W-40 Room 304 Sink	43.7
W-41 Room 302 Sink	7.9
W-43 Room 202 Sink	6.4
W-44 Room 204 Sink	8.4
M-63 Room 211 Sink	9.4
W-45 Room 206 Sink	23.7
W-46 Room 208 Sink	7.8
W-47 Room 210 Sink	108
W-48 Room 212 Sink	6.9
W-50 Room 209 Sink	12.4
W-51 Room 207 Sink	8.7
W-52 Room 205 Sink	21.6
W-53 Room 203 Sink	694
W-65 Library Sink	16.2
W-77 Room 104 Sink	17.8
W-78 Room 106 Sink	23.3
W-79 Room 108 Sink	8.5
W-83 Room 113 Sink	180
W-84 Room 113 Fountain	13.6
W-85 Room 113 Lav Sink	29.5
W-86 Room 111 Sink	9.2
W-87 Room 109 Sink	1270
W-89 Room 107 Sink	528
W-90 Faculty Room Sink	11.7
W-95 Nurse Ofc Sink	5.8