



SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Dexter Terrace / Northtowns Academy 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 20 water outlets at Dexter Terrace / Northtowns Academy using an outside testing laboratory and standard industry protocols. We received our results and learned that 4 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
Dexter Terrace / Northtowns Academy

LOCATION	TEST RESULT (parts per billion)
ID-19 Custodial Office Sink	6.4
D-45 200 Wing Faculty Kitchen Sink	9.4
D-56 Kitchen Sink 4	20.3
D-72 Annex C3 Sink	6.2