



# MIDLAKES DISTRICT OFFICE

## PHELPS-CLIFTON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Midlakes Families,

Legislation was passed requiring all school districts in New York State to test potable water systems for lead and to take responsive action. Updated State regulations require lead levels must not exceed 5 parts per billion (ppb) in tested water, from the prior standard of 15 ppb and also below the United States Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water 'action level' of 15 ppb.

In accordance with these State regulations, testing was completed at the Midlakes Elementary School this summer. The results were shared with the district on August 4.

Of the 170 tested fixtures and outlets, 169 passed. The single fixture that exceeded the 5 ppb limit was a wash sink in the Elementary music wing.

Due to the result, Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD has taken the following immediate action:

- Signage stating "hand washing only, not for drinking" have been posted at the affected fixture.

The health and safety of Phelps-Clifton Springs students, faculty and staff is a top priority. The secondary building will be tested this fall. You may explore additional information regarding [New York State Sampling, Remediation and Reporting](#), and [Testing for lead in school drinking water](#), the state protocols and policies, and district results on our [Facilities and Grounds page](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Ganster', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nicholas Ganster  
Superintendent