

Eden Central Schools

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RE: Eden Elementary School, 8289 North Main Street

Dear Eden Elementary Building Parents, Guardians and Occupants:

To protect public health, New York State (NYS) recently enacted a new regulation requiring that every public school in New York State test their drinking water for lead at a level below the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) standards. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), NYS requires that action be taken to reduce the levels below 5 parts per billion(ppb) or label non-potable.

The Eden Central School District, in accordance with legislation signed by the Governor on September 6, 2016, continues on a regular schedule to test our faucets throughout our educational buildings. We will continue the process to remediate non-conforming items under the new regulation created by New York State.

It is vital that schools conduct these tests, as high levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems. Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers and lakes. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of building plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome-plated brass faucets. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead, and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes and other plumbing materials. However, even the lead in plumbing materials meeting these new requirements is subject to corrosion. When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into the drinking water.

The Eden Central School District, in accordance with legislation signed by the Governor on September 6, 2016, continues on a regular schedule to test the potable water outlets in our educational buildings. We continue the process to remediate non-conforming items. I received and opened test reports on August 5, 2025 and have disabled or posted any questionable outlets.

The District has tested water sources in the past under the EPA regulations. New York State's new regulations have lowered the acceptable thresholds so at this point, we are conforming to the new regulations. The results and actions taken by the District with regards to elevated levels are as follows:

EDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

109.2-06: Nurses Suite Closet by Windows (sink-15.7ppb) - Valve off repair/post/replacement scheduled.

109.2-19: Phys. Ed. Office-Girls (sink-9.2ppb) - Valve off repair/post/replacement scheduled.

109.2-20: Faculty Room (sink-8.8ppb) - Valve off repair/post/replacement scheduled.

109.2-21: Faculty Room Bathroom (sink-5.1ppb) - Valve off repair/post/replacement scheduled.

109.2-35: Library Office (sink-6.1ppb) - Valve off repair/post/replacement scheduled.

109.2-37: Room 208/East (sink-8.0ppb) - Valve off repair/post/replacement scheduled.

109.2-38: Room 210 (sink-6.7ppb) - Valve off repair/post/replacement scheduled.

109.2-39: Room211/West (sink-27.4ppb) - Valve off repair/post/replacement scheduled.

NOTE #1: All readings are in parts per billion.

NOTE #2: All samples have been taken after the faucets have been dormant for 8-18 hours. The samples are first draw samples which means the sample is what actually was stored in the faucet in the past 8-18 hours. Personal practice should be: When you get drinking water from a faucet, turn the faucet on and let it run for a minimum of 10 seconds before using that water. Do not take the first draw of water. This is a good practice due to the fact that homes are not regulated and do not adhere to the same stringent levels that the schools do provide safe drinking water.

In the past 2 months, in accordance with regulations, we have tested all of our educational buildings and have taken any corrective actions necessary. The Eden Central School District last conducted testing for lead in the water in 2020. The District will be conducting testing for lead on a three-year cycle from this point forward in accordance with the new regulation set by New York State.

Sincerely,

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