

Grand Island Central School District

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Dear Grand Island Families,

To protect public health, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) enacted a regulation requiring that every school test their drinking water for lead. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), NYSDOH requires immediate action to reduce the lead concentration.

The Grand Island Central School District is in compliance with regulations issued by NYSDOH requiring all school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to test potable water fixtures used for drinking or cooking. These regulations also require remediation of contamination and notification of test results to families and the public. Revisions to the Public Health Law (PHL) in 2022 reduced the lead action level in drinking water from 15 ppb to 5 ppb and shortened the compliance testing cycle to every three years. The first compliance testing period under the revised law is 2023–2025.

As required, the Grand Island Central School District tested all water sources mandated for testing in every school building per NYSDOH regulations. Non-applicable outlets, such as bathroom sinks and tempered (hot/cold blended) outlets not required to be tested, have been clearly identified with signage stating:

“Caution – Non-Potable Water – Do Not Drink.”

Consistent with regulatory requirements, "first draw" water samples were taken after the water remained motionless in pipes for a minimum of 8 hours and a maximum of 18 hours. Testing was conducted on the following dates and at the following locations:

- May 19th- High School and Middle School
- May 20th- Huth Road Elementary, Kaegebein Elementary
- May 21st- Sidway Elementary, Transportation, Buildings and Grounds
- June 20th- Maintenance Building and Eco Island

Of the 348 samples that were tested in our school buildings, 63 showed levels above the 5 ppb threshold. Listed below are the sites that exceeded the threshold.

High School:

148.1-06	Gym Hallway Women's restroom Left	Sink	9.3
148.1-08	Psychology lecture room 110	Sink	6.7
148.1-10	Boys team room sink 112	Sink	10.8
148.1-11	Boys team room Coach's Office 112 A	Sink	15.8
148.1-34	122 art room right wall left sink	Sink	6.6
148.1-37	122 art room right wall bubbler	Bubbler	6.8
148.1-39	Girls Pool locker room sink left	Sink	9.5
148.1-42	123B Tech room right sink	Sink	7.9
148.1-54	Kitchen Large Pot fill	Sink	69.6
148.1-56	Kitchen Food wash sink near small pot fill	Sink	14.6
148.1-57	Kitchen Left sink double	Sink	16.1
148.1-58	Kitchen Right sink double	Sink	15.0
148.1-59	Men's restroom near cafe- faculty	Sink	6.2
148.1-68	Library Kitchenette Sink	Sink	1980
148.1-69	Room 152	Sink	29.4
148.1-95	Room 218	Sink	10.2
148.1-103	Gym hallway all gender restroom left	Sink	10.5

Middle School:

148.2-01	172 Home Ec leftmost	Sink	12.5
148.2-02	172 Home Ec 2nd from left	Sink	18.8
148.2-03	172 Home Ec left sink on right wall	Sink	7.3
148.2-04	172 Home Ec right sink on right wall	Sink	20.0
148.2-05	174 Home Ec kitchen left	Sink	20.7
148.2-06	174 Home Ec kitchen left middle	Sink	11.3
148.2-07	174 Home Ec kitchen right middle	Sink	39.6
148.2-08	174 Home Ec kitchen right	Sink	1330
148.2-20	Library media room	Sink	11.6
148.2-21	Nurses exam	Sink	13.0
148.2-31	Room 115	Sink	11.7

148.2-32	Boys' Locker Room drinking fountain	Drinking Fountain	5.0
148.2-40	Girls Coach's office	Sink	6.8
148.2-42	189 Art right wall far left	Sink	8.2
148.2-46	188 art left wall far left	Sink	7.4
148.2-48	189 art left wall right on bay sink - metal	Sink	24.1

Huth Road:

148.3-02	Blue Hall Rm 2 restroom	Sink	19.0
148.3-38	Purple Hall Rm 39 class sink	Sink	7.1
148.3-40	Purple Hall Rm 41 class sink	Sink	5.7
148.3-41	Purple Hall Rm 42 class sink	Sink	6.9
148.3-42	Purple Hall Rm 43 class sink	Sink	5.8
148.3-45	Purple Hall Rm 46 class sink	Sink	5.2

Kaegebein Elementary:

148.4-02	Rm 2 Class	Sink	5.9
148.4-05	Rm 5 Class	Sink	7.8
148.4-06	Rm 6 Class	Sink	5.0
148.4-07	Rm 7 Class	Sink	6.1
148.4-08	Rm 8 Class	Sink	8.0
148.4-16	Library	Sink	5.7
148.4-19	Rm 52	Sink	7.9
148.4-21	Rm 54	Sink	12.2
148.4-24	Rm 53	Sink	7.7
148.4-26	Rm 36	Sink	25.9
148.4-28	Rm 35	Sink	31.5
148.4-29	Rm 34 Speech	Sink	14.5
148.4-30	Rm 33	Sink	17.9
148.4-32	Rm 31	Sink	9.4
148.4-33	Rm 29	Sink	43.8
148.4-34	Band Room	Sink	5.1

Sidway:

148.5-12	Left double sink	Sink	22.7
148.5-13	Right double sink	Sink	10.6
148.5-27	Rm 218	Sink	6.7
148.5-34	Rm 209	Sink	5.8

148.5-36	Rm 206 sink	Sink	6.3
148.5-43	Basement Handwashing Sink	Sink	15.2

Remediation Plan

In response to these results, the affected water outlets have been **immediately removed from service**. A remediation plan is currently being developed in collaboration with our Director of Facilities and the Senior Health and Safety Analyst from Erie 1 BOCES. The timeline for remediation will depend on parts availability, installation, and the retesting process.

No water outlet will be returned to service for drinking or cooking until remediation is complete, retesting has occurred, and NYSDOH standards are met.

Access to Testing Results and Contact Information

Full water testing results are available for review at any district building main office during the school day or on the district website at:

www.grandislandschools.org

For questions about water quality in our schools, contact:

- Mr. Philip Marino III, Director of Facilities at (716) 773-8823
- Dr. Robert Merkle, Assistant Superintendent of School Business and Finance at (716) 773-8805

For information about water quality in your home, contact:

- Your local water supplier or the Erie County Department of Health at (716) 961-6800
- Or visit: www2.erie.gov/health

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (716) 773-8801.

Sincerely,



Brian Graham, Ed.D.

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