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Notice to Staff, Parents, and Guardians of the Cheektowaga Central School District

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Cheektowaga Central School District, the safety, health, and education of our students are our highest priorities. As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe learning environment, we want to ensure open and transparent communication regarding our facilities and ongoing compliance with state regulations.

In 2016, the New York State Department of Health issued Regulation 67-4: *Lead Testing in School Drinking Water*. In accordance with this regulation, the district completed required water testing in 2016, 2020, and most recently in October 2025. This testing includes all applicable water outlets used for drinking or food preparation.

As required, water samples were collected after allowing the water to sit in the pipes for at least 8 hours. All samples were analyzed by EMSL Analytical Inc., a New York State–certified laboratory. Under the updated regulation, any outlet testing above 5 parts per billion (ppb) of lead (reduced from the previous threshold of 15 ppb) must be addressed through remediation and parent notification.

When an outlet exceeds the allowable limit, schools are required to take immediate corrective action. This may include installing “Do Not Use for Drinking” signage, removing the fixture from service until repaired and retested, or—in cases where removal is not possible—maintaining cautionary signage with increased supervision and education.

Below is a summary of our most recent test results:

Union East Elementary
- 71 outlets tested
- 20 outlets (19 sinks and 1 kettle) exceeded the threshold

Middle School
- 33 outlets tested
- 1 outlet (sink) exceeded the threshold

High School
- 39 outlets tested
- 1 outlet (sink) exceeded the threshold

Pine Hill / BOCES Edge Academy (tested October 24, 2025)
- 21 outlets tested
- 9 outlets (sinks) exceeded the threshold

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Remediation Actions
Cautionary signage will be installed immediately at all non-conforming outlets. Kitchen outlets that exceeded the threshold will be shut off until they have been replaced, resampled, and meet all state requirements. Outlets not intended for drinking will remain in use but will feature posted signage and continued supervision.

A full copy of the laboratory report is attached for your review, and all findings and remediation steps get reported to the New York State Department of Health. As required, the district will conduct the next round of testing in three years. To review the complete results online, please visit the following link: 2025 Lab Results

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Bruce Vona, Director of Facilities – 716-686-3610

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting a safe and healthy school environment.

Sincerely,

Scott Zipp
Superintendent of Schools