



NORTH SALEM

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Dear North Salem Central School District Community,

The District recently completed its required lead testing of school drinking water outlets in accordance with New York State Public Health Law. I am writing to share the results of that testing and outline the steps being taken to ensure continued safety.

Middle/High School Results

At the Middle/High School, **eight (8) water outlets** returned results that exceeded the updated lead action level of **5 parts per billion (ppb)**. All of these outlets had already been clearly labeled "**Not for Drinking Use**" prior to testing and remain in service for hand washing/dishwashing only.

We are pleased to report that the following outlets all tested **below** the lead action level:

- All bottle-fill water fountains
- Kitchen sinks used for food preparation
- STEP room sinks
- Ice machines
- Turf field outlets

PQ Elementary Results

At the PQ campus, the District is currently operating under a **Bottled Water Notice**, and public water is not being used for drinking or consumption due to a **PFOA Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) exceedance**. Because the bottle-fill water fountains are turned off under this notice, they could not be tested at this time.

Once the PQ Water Improvement Project is complete and the system is cleared by the Department of Health, the District will conduct **secondary lead testing of all bottle-fill stations** prior to returning them to service.

For the PQ outlets that were able to be tested, **ten (10) outlets** exceeded the action level. All of these outlets are labeled "**Not for Drinking Use**" and are in service for hand washing/dishwashing only.

One water outlet intended for cooking purposes (**PQES 059**) returned a result of **0.0054 mg/L (5.4 ppb)**, just above the action level. As a mitigation measure, the District will be replacing the faucet and associated older piping that may contain lead solder. This outlet will be **retested** and cleared before being approved for cooking use.



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Next Steps

The District will continue to follow all NYS Department of Health and Department of Education requirements, including remediation, retesting, and public notification. All of the lab reports, remedial action plan and non-applicable outlets will be posted to the school website under the [Facilities Department](#) page within 6 weeks.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and community remains our top priority.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Facilities, Christopher Pulver, at (914)-669-5414 x1037 or cpulver@northsalemschools.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam VanDerStuyf
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