

James Dexter
District Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Staff:

With the start of the 2018-19 school year I wanted to update about our efforts relating to water testing. You may recall that in 2016 Governor Cuomo signed a law mandating that New York State public schools conduct lead testing on all sources of water used for drinking or cooking purposes by September 30, of that year. Levels of lead in the water must be below 15 parts per billion (ppb) or immediate steps to prohibit use and remediate must be taken and test results must be provided in writing to all staff and parents.

In the fall of 2016, WSWHE BOCES collected a total of 437 sources of water from our eight locations. The samples were analyzed by a New York State Department of Health certified laboratory. Of the sources tested, 87 faucets tested higher than 15 parts per billion. Detailed information, by location, can be found on our website.

Most of the sources which tested above 15 ppb were either sinks or hose bibs. No drinking fountains tested above the New York State Department of Health Action Level for schools. When we reported our findings to you, the affected faucets were taken off line, and warning signs placed in these locations.

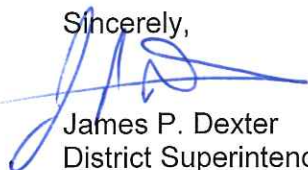
We completed our first round of remediation in February 2018 by installing new faucets and hose bibs. We then initiated a second round of testing in March 2018 and found that 29 sources remained above 15 ppb. We have fully removed 12 sources from our facilities. The remaining 17 have been replaced with new faucets. Those 17 new faucets will be retested by an approved laboratory during the 2018-19 school year. We are currently in the process of selecting an accredited laboratory. We are following the New York State Department of Health guidelines in each step. Capital Region BOCES Health Safety Risk Management is also providing expertise in this effort.

With regards to the results at the Sanford Street Teaching and Learning Center, the building is owned by the Glens Falls City School District. We have been informed that remediation and re-testing was completed in April 2018.

We will continue to update you as we proceed with remediation and have more information to share. In the meantime, attached to this letter is a summary table depicting the remaining steps relating to the affected sources.

Please know that there is nothing that we take more seriously than the well-being of our students and staff. We will keep you informed about this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



James P. Dexter
District Superintendent of Schools

Locations Above Action Level (15 ppb) in Fall 2016 and Current Status

Site	Fixture Description/ Location	Remediation to date	Planned Remediation 2018-19
Washington Street Teaching & Learning Center	Faucet/Kitchen Bathroom	New Faucet	Retest
Washington Street Teaching & Learning Center	Faucet/Room #2	New Faucet	Retest
Washington Street Teaching & Learning Center	Faucet/ Room #5	New Faucet	Retest
Southern Adirondack Education Center	Hose Bib/ Room #A2 (Exterior on Left)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
Southern Adirondack Education Center	Hose Bib/ Room #A2 (Exterior on Right)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
Southern Adirondack Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #A4 (Exterior)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
Southern Adirondack Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #H3 (On the North Side of the West OH Door)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
Southern Adirondack Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #H5 (On the North Side of the East OH Door)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Faucet/Room #1	New Faucet	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Faucet/Room #2	New Faucet	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Faucet/Room #2 Bathroom	New Faucet	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Faucet/Room #3 Bathroom	New Faucet	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Faucet/Room #4	New Faucet	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Faucet/Room #5	New Faucet	Retest

Site	Fixture Description/ Location	Remediation to date	Planned Remediation 2018-19
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bid/Room #6 (Lower)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bid/Room #6 (Lower)	Permanently Removed from Service	None
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Wand/Room #106 (Tilt Skillet)	New Wand	Install Filter and Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Faucet/Room #200 (Storage Room Sink)	New Hose Bib	Remove
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Faucet/Room #203	New Faucet	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #301 (East Wall)	New Hose Bib	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #302 (West Wall)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #303 (East Wall)	New Hose Bib	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #310 (West Wall)	New Hose Bib	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #312 (West Wall)	NEW Hose Bib	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #313 (East Wall....on Right)	NEW Hose Bib	Retest
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Greenhouse (Southwest Exterior)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Greenhouse (East Exterior)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None
F. Donald Myers Education Center	Hose Bib/Room #405 (East Wall)	NEW Hose Bib	Retest
CALC/OASES	Hose Bid/Exterior (Northwest Corner by Gas Meter)	Permanently Removed from Service.	None