



MIDDLEBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, in September 2016, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a new law that requires public schools in New York to test all water currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking purposes for lead levels.

The state defined 15 parts per billion (ppb) of lead as the action level for test results, meaning that if any test result from a water outlet exceeds 15 ppb, schools must take action to prevent these sources from being used for drinking or cooking until the lead level is remediated.

As we told you in our previous update, the district has taken significant action to replace any remaining infrastructure that returned results above the state-mandated action level of 15 ppb. We have received results of new tests on sinks in the Elementary School kitchen that were above the state-mandated action level. Of the four sinks tested, two are now under the action level and have been cleared for use. Two others remain above the action-level. Neither of those sinks are used for food preparation, and both are clearly marked with signs that prohibit drinking. The outlets that have tested above the state-mandated action level will remain offline and/or labeled until a remediation plan is completed and further testing shows that lead levels are below the action level.

Please be aware that the district has provided four filtered water bottle filling stations throughout the building.

The district takes these findings very seriously and continues to work closely with the Health, Safety, and Risk Management Service at Capital Region BOCES to ensure that we can continue to provide safe and healthy drinking water for students and staff. We will continue to keep you informed as we work through this process. If you have any questions or concerns about this update, please contact the district office at (518) 827-3625.

Sincerely,

Raymond Colucciello, Ed. D.
Interim Superintendent