



Edmeston Central School

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

In 2016, Governor Cuomo required all schools to complete mandatory water testing to determine the level of lead in the district's water. In September 2016, the district conducted its first test. ECS sent letters home sharing the results of the water test.

NYS requires the water testing to be done every five years. On September 30th, ECS received a report from Josh Reiss, Safety/Risk Management Coordinator at ONC BOCES, regarding the results from the latest lead in the water testing completed earlier this year. There were 83 water samples taken in total from drinking fountains, classroom faucets/sinks, bathroom faucets/sinks, and the cafeteria's outlets. All samples were collected by Josh Reiss based on the US EPA's 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools. Samples were sent to Microbac Laboratories, Inc. for analysis. The following had above the NYS requirement of 15 parts per billion.

Sample Location	Lead Level (in parts per billion)
Room 205 Sink Faucet #132	42.0
Room 205 Sink Faucet #134	74.6
Boy's Coaches Office Sink Faucet	17.6

These locations are not used for drinking water. Signs (Do Not Drink the Water) have been posted at each location. Teachers will instruct students not to use these faucets for drinking water. The school district has scheduled a second sample test of these faucets for Wednesday, October 14.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning. For more information about prevention and risks to lead exposure, please contact your family physician or consult the EPA's website www.epa.gov. You may also contact the Otsego Department of Health at (607) 547-4230 with your questions.

Please be assured that the Edmeston Central School District continues to be proactive in efforts to keep our students and staff safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Gary Furman".

Gary Furman, Ed.D.