

Dear School Community Member:

NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation on September 6, 2016 requiring all school districts and BOCES to test potable water systems for lead and take responsive actions. Charlotte Valley Central School completed the required sampling on 9/28/2016, 86 samples in total. The samples were taken from water outlets that included: drinking fountains, classrooms faucets/sinks, and the cafeteria's outlets. All samples were collected based on the US EPA's 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and were sent to a Department of Health approved laboratory for analysis.

The NYS legislation states that if lead levels are above 15 parts per billion at any water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until remediation steps are taken, re-testing is performed and the results indicate that the outlet is in compliance.

The results of the initial sampling have identified 35 locations as above the 15 parts per billion action level. They are:

Lead in water exceedances for first draw samples taken on 9/28/2016.

	Location/Sample ID	Lead level in parts per billion	
	(action level 15 ppb)		
1	Rm 200 sink west	23.3	
2	Boys 2nd	32.0	
3	Main office bath	49.0	
4	Rm 111 sink	38.5	
5	Faculty women	28.5	
6	Faculty men	74.0	
7	Rm 108 sink	39.6	
8	Rm 108 bath sink	48.8	
9	Boys room main by window	20.1	
10	Boys room main	19.4	
11	Room 102	79.5	
12	DL	20.7	
13	Art room east	65.3	
14	Art room west	43.3	
15	Girls LR office	67.2	
16	Elementary boys room	22.0	
17	Room 178 fountain	29.8	
18	Room 172 sink	108.0	
19	Room 165 sink	23.3	
20	Room 164 bath sink	60.8	
21	Room 164 sink	29.0	
22	Nurse bath sink	25.7	
23	Room 145 sink	33.4	
24	Room 144 sink	52.3	
25	Girls sink by window 1s t	33.7	

26	Girls sink 1st	21.2
27	Girls sink 2nd	19.4
28	Room sink by washer	18.2
29	Boys LR office	19.2
30	WF gym lower	15.8
31	BR gym south	18.6
32	Apr boys	18.6
33	Room 135L	83.1
34	Garage Bathroom	31.2
35	Room 166 sink	16.3

Sampling conducted by David Carrington-Analysis conducted by Microbac Laboratories.

These locations have been taken out of service and follow up testing is being conducted. They will not be placed back into service until remediation can be conducted and post-remediation sampling indicates they are in compliance.

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.

Please be assured that Charlotte Valley 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,

James Harter
Superintendent