



*Sweet Home Central School District
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Dear Dexter Terrace / Northtowns Academy Community Member:

Safe and healthy school environments can foster healthy and successful children. To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYS DOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb), the NYS DOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

Last month, we sampled 58 water outlets at Dexter Terrace / Northtowns Academy using an outside testing laboratory and standard industry protocols. We received our results and learned that 25 had test results exceeding the state threshold. We plan to flush and retest all identified sources. The list of affected outlets is attached to this letter.

While awaiting the results of this retesting, we are taking every precaution and following the state legislation and Department of Health guidelines to the letter. At this time, we have shut off the water supply at all identified water sources. When our retesting is complete, we will remediate any identified outlets and will not return them to service until they meet state thresholds.

We will provide more information as it becomes available. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 250-1402.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Day
Superintendent of Schools

**2021 Water Testing Results
Dexter Terrace / Northtowns Academy**

LOCATION	TEST RESULT (parts per billion)
ISS 3B Facing Exit South	32.6
ISS 3B Facing Brick Wall North	17.7
ISS 3B Lav	261
ISS 3C	29.5
ISS 3C Lav	17.7
Special Ed BR Sink	16.7
Room 116 Lav	45.2
Room 118 Left	16.8
Room 120 Lav	76.2
Center Base Lav	36.3
Room 230	31.5
Cross Hall Womens Lav Near 216 Left	70.5
Cross Hall Womens Lav Near 216 Middle	25.7
Cross Hall Womens Lav Near 216 Right	68.5
Cross Hall Mens Lav Near 221 Left	28.7
Room 214 Left	77.6
Room 214 Right	27.9
Room 412 Sink Near Fume Hood	23.1
Room 412 Sink East Side of Room	36.3
Room 454 West	60.1
Room 454 Near Fume Hood	23.6
Room 440 North	69.9
Cafeteria Boys Lav Left	16.2
Penthouse	100
Room 118 Right Sink	41.1