

Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda

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Anthony J. Day Superintendent of Schools

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Dear High School 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 142 water outlets at Sweet Home High School using an outside testing laboratory and standard industry protocols. We received our results and learned that 23 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

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2021 Water Testing Results Sweet Home High School

LOCATION	TEST RESULT (parts per billion)
Boiler Room	31.3
Women's Coaches Office	64.0
Boys Phys Ed locker Room 518 West	20.6
Boys Visitor Locker Room 520 Left	19.4
Boys Visitor Locker Room 520 Right	46.8
Laundry Room Sink	24.6
Girls Lav 300 Right Most	16.5
Mens Faculty Lav 200 Left	25.6
Mens Faculty Lav 200 Right	18.9
Womens Faculty Lav 200 Center	16.9
Room 716 Kitchenette	32.0
Womens Faculty Lav 700 Left	148
Womens Faculty Lav 700 Left Center	72.0
Womens Faculty Lav 700 Right Center	77.4
Mens Faculty Lav 700 Left	282
Room 608 Sink	16.1
Room 612 Rear Sink near Eye Wash	131
Visitor Womens Lav Left	86.1
Visitor Womens Lav Left Center	79.0
Visitor Womens Lav Right Center	18.9
Visitor Mens Lav Left	15.8
Visitor Mens Lav Center	35.2
Visitor Mens Lav Right	34.5