



Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda

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Dear Willow Ridge Elementary 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 81 water outlets at Willow Ridge Elementary School using an outside testing laboratory and standard industry protocols. We received our results and learned that 10 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
Willow Ridge Elementary School**

LOCATION	TEST RESULT (parts per billion)
Room 313 Sink	18.2
Room 315 Sink	20.1
Room 306 Sink	51.9
Room 204 Sink	29.9
Room 212 Sink	44.9
Room 207 Sink	15.2
Room 201 Sink	24.4
300 Boys Lav Farthest from the Door	23.4
300 Boys Lav Closest to the Door	20.6
300 Girls Lav 3 rd Farthest from the Door	17.2