



# Schuylerville High School

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Dear Parents and Staff,

On September 6, 2016 Governor Cuomo signed legislation which requires all public schools in New York State to test all potable water sources for lead. The Schuylerville Central School District contracted with Pace Analytical to collect water samples in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 3-T's protocol.

On the morning of October 22, 2016 samples from a total of 138 sources of water were collected at the high school and analyzed at the Pace Analytical Laboratory which is certified by the New York State Department of Health. All sources tested, except the 12 noted below, are in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York State Department of Health Action Level for schools. The maximum contamination level (MC1.) set by the EPA and NYSDOH is 15 parts per billion (ppb). Testing identified elevated lead levels at the following locations:

LOCATION/SOURCE	Lead Level-parts per billion (ppb)	Note
Kitchen Handwashing Sink	45.7 ppb	Handwashing only. Sign posted - not used for drinking
High School Outside Spigot	85 ppb	Disabled
High School Room 120 Lab Sink	17.3 ppb	Lab sink not used. Disabled
High School Room 120 Lab Sink	36.5 ppb	Lab sink not used. Disabled
High School Room 119 Lab Sink	52.6 ppb	Lab sink not used. Disabled
High School Room 118 Lab Sink	17.4 ppb	Lab sink not used. Disabled
High School Room 102 Lab Sink	59.5 ppb	Sign posted – not used for drinking. Lab experiments only.
High School Room 102 Lab Sink	23.3 ppb	Sign posted – not used for drinking. Lab experiments only.
High School Room 102 Lab Sink	24.0 ppb	Sign posted – not used for drinking. Lab experiments only.
High School Room 102 Lab Sink	24.5 ppb	Sign posted – not used for drinking. Lab experiments only.
High School Room 101 Lab Sink	20.8 ppb	Sign posted – not used for drinking. Lab experiments only.
High school Room 124 Lab Sink	30.4 ppb	Sign posted – not used for drinking. Lab experiments only.

Upon receiving the analytical results, the district took immediate action. The areas with elevated levels were immediately shut down and all sinks were posted for handwashing use only as per guidance from the Department of Health. Please note: all drinking fountains were found to be in compliance with EPA and NYSDOH levels. Further testing and remediation will be conducted where necessary.

While we know that this information may cause some concern, we are taking the necessary steps to address the situation and confirm the safety of water throughout the district. There is nothing that we take more seriously than the well-being of our students and staff.

We will keep you informed about this issue.

Sincerely,

Matthew Sickles  
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