



Saratoga Battle Monument at Schuylerville
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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 September 27, 2016 samples from a total of 186 sources of water were collected at the elementary/middle school and analyzed at the Pace Analytical Laboratory which is certified by the New York State Department of Health. All sources tested, except the 13 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 (MCL) 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
Elementary Nurses Office Sink	17.0 ppb	Using for hand washing only
Elementary Nurses Eye Wash Station	37.9 ppb	Not used for drinking
Middle School Music Room 39 Sink	55.9 ppb	Has been removed
Middle School Music Room 39 Sink Fountain	30.2 ppb	Has been removed
Elementary Custodial Dock Area Sink	85.5 ppb	Sign posted – not used for drinking
Elementary Outside Hose Spigot	21.2 ppb	Disabled
Elementary Outside Hose Spigot	15.9 ppb	Disabled
Elementary Outside Hose Spigot	118 ppb	Disabled
Elementary Outside Hose Spigot	392 ppb	Disabled
Elementary Outside Hose Spigot	195 ppb	Disabled
Elementary Outside Hose Spigot	95.0 ppb	Disabled
Elementary Outside Hose Spigot	79.1 ppb	Disabled
Elementary Outside Hose Spigot	48.8 ppb	Disabled

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 hand washing 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,

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Schuylerville Elementary School Principal

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Schuylerville Middle School Principal