

# FORESTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

It is a priority of every school district to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for its students, and clean water is no exception. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes, and other plumbing materials. Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers, and lakes. New laws that went into effect in 2014 reduced the amount of lead that plumbing fixtures can contain from 8% to 1%. Brass faucets, fittings and valves – including those advertised as “lead free” – may still be a contributing factor to lead levels in drinking water.

Forestville Central School District is in compliance with New York State Public Health Laws requiring all schools and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to test potable water outlets for lead contamination, to remediate contamination where found, and to notify parents of children and the public of test results. Levels of lead at any water outlet above 15 parts per billion (ppb) require corrective action.

As required, Forestville Central School District tested all water sources in the Forestville Middle School/High School for lead on October 11, 2016. As provided to us under specific protocols, first draw water samples were taken after letting the water remain unmoving in the pipes over a period of 8 to 18 hours. The results of this testing were received on December 28, 2016 and of the 98 water samples tested, only 25 showed lead levels above 15 ppb.

Listed below are the Forestville MS/HS locations that exceeded the threshold of 15 ppb:

| Location   | Outlet Type | Analysis |
|--|-------------|----------|
| Lunch line room, Adj. to Door to Kitchen                 | Sink        | 24.0 ppb |
| Kitchen, Steam Pot, Right-Facing Cafeteria               | Steam Pot   | 24.6 ppb |
| Janitor's Closet, 320A Adj to Men's Room                 | Slop Sink   | 34.6 ppb |
| Room 313, Hallway Wall, Adj to Stair                     | Sink        | 34.3 ppb |
| Room 312, Against Exterior Wall                          | Sink        | 187 ppb  |
| Room 312, Fume Hood                                      | Sink        | 476 ppb  |
| Room 304, Right Sink, Closet to Hall (Facing Ext Wall)   | Sink        | 22.2 ppb |
| Room 304, Left Sink, Further From Hall (Facing Ext Wall) | Sink        | 28.8 ppb |
| Room 203, Along Hallway Wall, Closer to Door             | Sink        | 62.5 ppb |
| Room 204   | Sink        | 25.4 ppb |
| Room 205, Closer to Door                                 | Sink        | 28.4 ppb |
| Universal Lavatory, Near Stair and Boiler Room 100       | Sink        | 34.0 ppb |
| Universal Lavatory, Room 122B                            | Sink        | 21.0 ppb |
| Women's Coach's Office                                   | Sink        | 64.5 ppb |
| Men's Coach's Office                                     | Sink        | 110 ppb  |
| Boy's Locker Room, Left Sink (Facing Sinks)              | Sink        | 17.4 ppb |
| Room 111 C, Maintenance Storage                          | Bubbler     | 176 ppb  |
| Boy's Lavatory, Left Sink (Facing Sinks)                 | Sink        | 23.4 ppb |
| Girl's Lavatory  | Hose Bib    | 900 ppb  |
| Boy's Lavatory   | Hose Bib    | 1660 ppb |
| Exterior, Adj to Music Classroom 105                     | Hose Bib    | 17.8 ppb |
| Exterior, Adj to Stage 107A                              | Hose Bib    | 44.6 ppb |
| Exterior, Adj to Fitness Area 108B                       | Hose Bib    | 29.2 ppb |
| Exterior, Adj to Distance Learning 114                   | Hose Bib    | 2340 ppb |

Forestville Central School District is taking a number of corrective action steps. We have shut off the water supply to those fixtures used for drinking or cooking. Any water sources used for other purposes such as showering and general cleaning have been clearly labeled with signs not to be used for drinking or cooking. The next step is to develop a remediation plan that will be approved and guided by the experts in the field of water remediation.

The timetable for remediation of each of the identified sources will depend on the availability of parts, installation, and the process for retesting. It is important to note that none of the sources will be put back into service and available for drinking or cooking until the sources are fully mitigated and meet New York State Department of Health Standards.

A copy of our water testing results is available at any of the Forestville Central School District building's main offices, which are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Results are also posted at [www.forestville.com](http://www.forestville.com) on the District website.

For more information about water quality and sampling for lead contact the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services at 753-4000.

Sincerely,

Renee Garrett  
Superintendent of Schools

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