

January 12, 2023

Dear Webster CSD Staff and Families,

The health and safety of Webster CSD's students, faculty, and staff continue to remain our top priorities as we work to fulfill all aspects of the New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH's) water testing regulations. NYSDOH 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.

NYSDOH recently announced updates to its lead testing in school drinking water program. **As of December 22, 2022, test results must be at or below the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) and New York State's acceptable level for lead in water of 5 parts per billion (ppb, equal to 5 micrograms per liter (µg/L)).** The acceptable level of lead was previously determined as 15 ppb. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 5 ppb, the NYSDOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

As Webster CSD is currently engaged in construction projects that were included in the 2018 capital improvement project, several sinks and faucets throughout the district have been replaced and reinstalled. All of the first draw samples from these water outlets were tested in December 2022, following updates to NYSDOH's water testing regulations. Any which exceeded the new acceptable level of 5 ppb have been labeled with a "non-potable water, not for drinking or cooking use" sign and will be retested throughout January 2023.

The district's December 2022 testing results of those new fixtures, along with all previous results, are available on our district [Water Quality Testing Results](#) page for your reference. I want to reassure you that both the NYS Department of Health and Monroe County Department of Health believe that school drinking water is not a significant source of lead. In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding the district's water testing procedures, please contact WCSD Buildings & Grounds Manager Blaine Cunningham at (585) 265-6585 or [blaine\\_cunningham@webstercsd.org](mailto:blaine_cunningham@webstercsd.org).

Sincerely,

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