



## **Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. To implement this new law, the Department of Health issued emergency regulations, titled Lead Testing in School Drinking Water -10 NYCRR Subpart 67-4 (Subpart 67- 4), effective September 6, 2016.

Schools are responsible for identifying the total number of outlets that require sampling. Samples must be first draw samples, collected in 250 ml containers, and taken from a cold water outlet where the water has been motionless in the pipes for a minimum of 8 hours but not more than 18 hours. Samples must be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified under the Department of Health's Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP).

If lead levels are detected above 15 parts per billion (ppb) at any potable water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until a lead remediation plan is implemented to mitigate the lead level, and test results indicate that the lead levels are at or below the action level. The school must ensure that building occupants have an adequate alternate supply of potable water for drinking and cooking until the remediation plan is implemented. Schools must report the exceedance to the local health department (LHD) within one business day. Test results must also be provided in writing to all staff and parents no more than 10 business days after receiving the report.

Pursuant to the regulations, the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School District sampled 130 potable water outlets that are currently or potentially used for drinking and cooking purposes including but not limited to bubblers, drinking fountains, and faucets. First draw samples were drawn using the EPA's 3 T's Guidelines. We have received our test results, and 44 outlets have exceeded the state-required action level of 15 parts per billion. This has been troubling news but we are thankful to be informed. Quick compliance with the regulations regarding lead testing has enabled us to identify and fix these

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potential problems. Of the 44 outlets of concern, two of them could be used for drinking and/or cooking, so they were immediately put out of commission for drinking/cooking purposes. All other non-drinking outlets were clearly marked as water that should not be used for cooking/consumption.

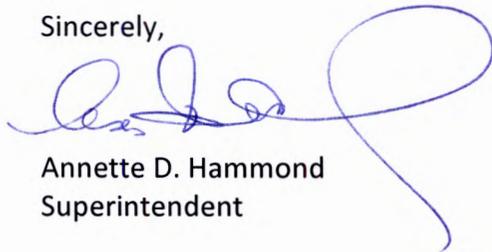
PLEASE UNDERSTAND these 42 remaining outlets are considered non-drinking outlets. They are outlets used for things such as science experiments, outside hose bibs, shower heads, bathroom sinks, etc. Although the outlets are not potable (drinking) water outlets, the district is required to notify all staff and legal guardians of students of these results. The district is in the process of working with the DCMO BOCES Health and Safety Office and the Otsego County Health Department to develop a remediation plan. Once the plan has been completed, we will resample the outlets. Once the samples are at or below the acceptable levels we will post the results to the district website. All sampling records will be retained for a period of 10 years at the district office and are available for review during normal business hours.

Please see attached chart of "Lead in Water Exceedances for First Draw Samples" test results.

For questions on how lead affects the body or remediation process, please contact the Otsego County Health Department.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this process.

Sincerely,



Annette D. Hammond  
Superintendent

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Lead in Water Exceedances for 1st draw samples taken on 9/20, 9/21, 9/22, 2016

	Location/Sample ID	Lead Level in Parts per billion (action level .015 ppb)
1	A-109 Faucet	0.019
2	A-110 Faucet	0.019
3	A-111 Bathroom	0.021
4	B-106 Faucet	0.019
5	B-107 Faucet	0.025
6	B-109 Faucet	0.018
7	B-111 Bubbler	0.016
8	B-111 Faucet	0.024
9	Boys Outside Bathroom Sink 2	0.020
10	B-114 Faucet	0.017
11	B-115 Faucet	0.018
12	C-106 Faucet	0.029
13	C-115 Faucet 1	0.017
14	C-125 Faucet	0.021
15	D-105 Faucet #1	0.025
16	D-105 Faucet #2	0.018
17	D-109 Faucet	0.025
18	D-111-112 Office Faucet	0.028
19	D-118 Lib Office Faucet	0.028
20	D-130 Faucet #1	0.025
21	D-130 Faucet #2	0.032
22	D-130 Faucet #3	0.041
23	D-130 Faucet #4	0.059
24	D-130 Faucet #5	0.033
25	D-134 Hallway Faucet	0.016
26	E-109A Faucet #4	0.016
27	E-109A Kettle #1	0.029
28	Bus Garage Lounge	0.019
29	E-102 Sink #1	0.020
30	E-102 Sink #2	0.067
31	E-104 Sink	0.024
32	E-107 Sink	0.016
33	E-108 Sink #2	0.024
34	E-108 Sink #3	0.069
35	E-108 Sink #4	0.031
36	E-108 Sink #5	0.054
37	E-108 Sink #6	0.016
38	F-111 Sink #1	0.027
39	F-111 Sink #2	0.022
40	F-111 Sink #3	0.021
41	F-113 Sink #1	0.035
42	F-113 Sink #2	0.053
43	F-113 Sink #3	0.025
44	F-120 Sink #2	0.025

Sampling Conducted by Alan Disgby - Director of Facilities - GMU

Analysis conducted by Microbac Laboratories