



## Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School District has tested for lead in our water in accordance with a new state law in collaboration with The Department of Health. This law requires all school districts in New York State to test for possible high levels of lead contamination in school drinking water by September 30<sup>th</sup>. After this date, schools are required to test for lead in water every five years. Please know that because GMU has its own water supply, lead testing, in accordance with federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, has occurred regularly for years. Since its construction in 1994, our building water tests have met EPA standards each year.

These new requirements call for sampling to take place at all water outlets in the school building. The 250 milliliter samples must be taken from cold water outlets where the water has been motionless between eight and 18 hours. Mr. Digsby and his staff have drawn samples from more than 100 faucets and other water outlets as required by this law. These samples have been sent to a laboratory in Cortland where the testing will be completed. Under the regulations of this law, a school building is considered "lead free" if its results show lead in quantities of no greater than 15 parts per billion.

We expect to have the results of this testing some time in November. Once the lab reports have been received and confirmed, I will communicate the results with you. This testing has been a priority for us as is the health and safety of our students and staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

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