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As you may be aware, On September 6, 2016 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed landmark legislation (S.8158/A.10740) mandating that schools across the state test drinking water for lead contamination. The New York State Department of Health also issued emergency regulations pursuant to the new legislation, requiring that school districts test their water for lead contamination by October 31, 2016 and report results to parents, the state Department of Health and local government officials. Last Spring, in response to the drinking water issues identified across the nation, North Syracuse Central School District along with other districts in Central New York, proactively established a process and procedure for testing all sources of drinking water in the district. We worked with our local BOCES and followed well established EPA guidelines for testing known as the EPA 3T's. These guidelines establish an action level of 20 parts per billion and require a 2 step sampling procedure where the second sample is the critical sample for determining lead levels in the water. The New York State Department of Health established a more rigorous standard with an action level of 15 parts per billion and requires that we use the results from the first sampling. Based on these more rigorous standards we found 14 fixtures that do not meet these new requirements. Please note that our district includes 11 school buildings with numerous administrative and support buildings. This testing involved hundreds of fixtures. Please see the chart below for specific information on the fixtures that do not meet the new requirements, their location, test results and action plans.

C-NS FACS RM 238 – Green Sink	1 st - 42 ppb 2 nd 7.3 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
C-NS FACS RM 238 – Red Sink	1 st - 38 ppb 2 nd 2.5 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
C-NS FACS RM 240 – Yellow Sink	1 st - 19 ppb 2 nd 1.2 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Women's locker Room Drinking Fountain	1 st - 15 ppb 2 nd 1.7 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Lakeshore Road Office Sink	1 st – 32 ppb 2 nd – 3.2 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Lakeshore Road RM 147 Drinking Fountain	1 st – 15 ppb 2 nd – 6.4 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Lakeshore Road RM 152 Drinking Fountain	1 st – 18 ppb 2 nd – 5.2 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Lakeshore Road RM 160 Drinking Fountain	1 st – 20 ppb 2 nd – 3.4 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Lakeshore Road RM 161 Drinking Fountain	1 st – 16 ppb 2 nd – 2.7 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Lakeshore Road RM 164 Drinking Fountain	1 st – 19 ppb 2 nd – 3.6 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Lakeshore Road RM 172 Drinking Fountain	1 st – 17 ppb 2 nd – 2.4 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Lakeshore Road RM 176 Drinking Fountain	1 st – 15 ppb 2 nd – 3.9 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be replaced
Smith Road Kitchen Hand Washing Sink	1 st – 16 ppb 2 nd – 16 ppb	Fixture turned off and will be removed – not critical to operation
Gillette Road Concession Stand	1 st – 96 ppb 2 nd – 96 ppb	Fixture turned off and pipes will be replaced.

The students in the classrooms where drinking fountains were shut off have been provided with paper cups and will draw water from their classroom sink, which complies with the NYS Department of Health standards.

Sincerely,



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