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Notice to Parents and Guardians of Cheektowaga Central School District

On September 6, 2016 New York State Department of Health issued Regulation 67-4: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water, accordingly Cheektowaga Central School District has tested all water sources (outlets) for lead contamination. Per the regulation, samples were taken after letting the water remain unmoving in the pipe for at least 8 hours. All samples were collected by the Director of Facilities and then sent to EMSL Analytical Inc., a New York State certified testing lab. The regulation identifies 15ppB (parts per Billion) as the threshold for implementing some remedial action that is, readings above 15ppB require remedial action. In most cases, the remedial action is to remove the fixture/source from service where applicable or in cases where the fixture cannot be removed from service, install cautionary signage indicating "CAUTION – Non-potable Water Do Not Drink".

The following summarizes the results of the lead testing initiatives at Cheektowaga Central School District:

Union East Elementary

- 96 outlets tested. 17 outlets above threshold (11 sinks and 6 showerheads) and all were removed from service. Replacement of these outlets is scheduled.

Pine Hill Educational Center

- 61 outlets tested. 17 outlets above threshold (16 sinks and 1 showerhead) and all were removed from service. Replacement of these outlets is scheduled.

Middle School

- 102 outlets tested. 14 outlets (all showerheads) above threshold. Signage was installed. These outlets will be replaced in the upcoming capital project.

High School

- 127 outlets tested. 24 outlets above threshold (19 showerheads and 5 sinks). Sinks were removed from service. Signage was installed at all 24 locations. These outlets will be replaced in the upcoming capital project.

Per regulation, all results and remediation actions have been reported to the NYS Department of Health. No outlets will be placed back into service until remediation, re-test and compliant results are obtained.

The regulation requires us to test again in 2020 and every five years thereafter.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bruce Vona, Director of Facilities, 686-3610.