

## **Averill Park Central School District**

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Dear PES Parents and Guardians,

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority within our school system. As part of the school district's safety and health program, we began testing all of our drinking water outlets, such as fountains and sinks, in September 2016. These tests were performed to determine whether amounts of lead and copper above legal limits existed in drinking water.

The school district continues to await the results from other buildings' potential drinking water sources; however we would like to share the results that we have obtained thus far. Of the results we have received from the laboratory, four water sources were above the New York State Department of Health's threshold of 15 parts per billion of lead in water, and none were above the threshold for copper. The results we have received so far are those from Poestenkill Elementary School.

### **Poestenkill Elementary School**

- Room 17 (Art Room) water fountain- 15.7 parts per billion
- Room 17 (Art Room) bathroom faucet- 19.6 parts per billion
- Room 7 (occupational and physical therapy) bathroom faucet- 15.1 parts per billion
- Men's faculty bathroom faucet near Rooms 26/27- 28.7 parts per billion
- All other water sources were below the legal limit for lead in the water.
- No water sources were above the legal limit for copper in the water.

Stickers will be placed on the above faucets stating "hand-washing only" until we get them repaired through a remediation plan from our district architect. The fountain in Room 17 will be removed from the room. Follow-up samples will be scheduled, and these fixtures will not be permitted for use as water for drinking until the new sample results show levels at or below the action level of 15 parts per billion.

We will continue to work with our district Safety and Health officer and the Rensselaer County Department of Health as the District receives the remaining building sample results. The District will post all of the laboratory results on our website within the next several weeks.

For more information on lead in water please refer to the link below at the New York State Department of Health.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2508/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 674-7066.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hoffman", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

James D. Hoffman, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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