



**Michael K. Ginalski**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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RE: Water Quality Testing Results

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As communicated last spring the District, of its own accord, conducted water quality testing in the spring of 2016 under the EPA guidelines.

The district continues to perform water quality testing in accordance with new legislation signed by Governor Cuomo on September 6<sup>th</sup>, requiring all New York State Public Schools to test all sources of potable water for lead contamination. The State Department of Health and State Education Department have established an action level threshold of .015 MG/L. Water sources that test higher must be immediately taken out of service and corrective action must be taken.

Eighty-eight (88) samples were drawn from Severn Elementary School and nine (9) tested above the allowable .015 MG/L per the new regulations as follows:

- Room 2B toilet room sink
- Room 4B sink
- Room 103 toilet room sink
- Room 104 toilet room sink
- Room 110 toilet room sink
- Room 119 sink
- Room 220 sink
- Room 225 toilet room sink
- Room 226 toilet room sink

When the district finds actionable levels we immediately shut off, restrict or control use of water to the affected sources and mark them as “non-potable water-do not drink” until a second round of testing can be conducted and next steps can be determined. If the results continue to show actionable levels of lead, the district will work to replace or remediate the affected water pipes and fixtures. As a follow-up, additional water tests will be conducted to determine if the replacement/remediation was successful before placing the faucets back in service.

Please be assured that we will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure the quality of drinking water throughout our district meets the state regulations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Ronald Gillespie, Director of Facilities at 936-3704, Ext. 1071 or [rgillespie@cppmail.com](mailto:rgillespie@cppmail.com)

Sincerely,

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Ron Gillespie, Director of Facilities

