



SULLIVAN WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Bulldog Community:

New York State law requires that all public school districts conduct periodic testing of its buildings' water for the presence of lead. Our Elementary School's water source is provided by the Village of Jeffersonville, and the Middle/High School has an independent well located on the property.

Recently, a total of 180 fixtures were tested at both Schools. Of those 180 fixtures, 35 were identified to have elevated lead levels, beyond 15 micrograms of lead per liter (typically referred to as "part per billion (ppb).") The majority of these 35 fixtures are bathroom sinks that had been shut off during the entire 2020-2021 school year in order to create social distancing due to COVID-19 restrictions. Following recommendations from the Department of Health, we have posted signage at each of these fixtures, notifying that the water should not be used for drinking. We are re-testing each of the 35 outlets, and will conduct all necessary remediation (e.g. adding filters) to any fixture that tests above the regulatory limit after re-testing.

School Districts are required to report the results of all water testing to the State Department of Health, the State Education Department and the County Health Department, and to post the results on the District's website. You can find these results on our District website at www.swcsd.org.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve

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