Milford Central School

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Dear School Community Member:

NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation on September 6, 2016 requiring all school districts and BOCES to test potable water systems for lead and take responsive actions. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning. For more information about prevention and risks to lead exposure, please contact your family physician or consult the EPA's website www.epa.gov.

Milford Central School completed the required sampling on December 3, 2020 with 67 samples in total. The samples were taken from water outlets that included: drinking fountains, classrooms faucets/sinks, and the cafeteria's outlets. All samples were collected based on the US EPA's 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and were sent to a Department of Health approved laboratory for analysis.

The NYS legislation states that if lead levels are above 15 parts per billion at any water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until remediation steps are taken, re-testing is performed and the results indicate that the outlet is in compliance. The results of the initial sampling have identified four (4) of our outlets with readings above the 15 parts per billion action level.

They are:

Sample Location	Lead Level (in parts per billion)
SBHC Exam Room Sink	25.0
Health Office Sink	18.4
Room 212 Sink	19.1
Room 211 Sink	40.2

As required, each of these outlets have now had signage posted that they are not to be used for drinking until they have been re-tested.

Please note that all of our water is tested regularly by the Village of Milford, and all indications are that these readings are outlet specific and not an indication of a larger problem. All of the locations throughout the school that are used for regular water consumption (water fountains, water for cooking, etc) tested below the State threshold.

Please be assured that Milford Central School District continues to be proactive in our efforts to keep our students and staff safe. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at mplace@milfordcentral.org

Sincerely,

Mr. Place, Superintendent