

Randolph Central School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On September 6, 2016, the Governor signed into law legislation requiring all public schools in the state to test their drinking water fixtures for lead. The Randolph Central School District recently completed this testing in both the Elementary and Middle/High School. We sampled all drinking fountains, sinks and other water fixtures.

I am pleased to report that, according to our recently received test results, of the 290 samples that were sent away to be tested only 18 came back with elevated levels of lead, which is above 15 parts per billion. Most importantly, of these 18 receptacles with elevated lead levels, **NONE** of them are at potable stations which dispensed water intended to be consumed. **None of the drinking fountains or sinks in cooking areas across the district came back with elevated levels.** They are all classroom sinks that are used for high school science classes (15), cleaning, or handwashing (3). Lead is not absorbed through the skin thus an outlet that is used for cleaning or handwashing that has lead levels above 15 ppb is not a public health risk.

However, regardless of their intended use, we have immediately marked these receptacles with signage indicating that they are not safe for drinking and we will immediately be taking steps to remediate the lead from those areas to ensure we are a lead free school district in the near future.

If you wish to see the full report, it can be accessed on the main page of our district web site at www.randolphcsd.org or at the district office at 18 Main Street Randolph, NY 14772.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (716) 358-7005, if you have any questions regarding the water testing. We will keep parents, students, and staff informed by posting updates on our website and in our newsletters.

Sincerely,

Kaine Kelly

For more information on lead in drinking water, excellent information can be obtained through the Cattaraugus County Health Department at: www.cattco.org/drinking-water-testing-schools

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's web site at www.epa.gov/lead or call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.