



New Lebanon
Central School
District

November 14, 2016

Dear Families:

In September, the Governor enacted a law requiring public schools to test for lead in all water sources. In compliance with the law, all water outlets in WBH were tested by the end of October. We just received those results. In compliance with the law, all sources in the Jr/Sr High School were sent for testing and we will soon receive those results as well.

In WBH we tested water from 98 outlets. Of those, 19 outlets tested above the 15 parts per billion threshold established by NY State. Most of those outlets are not currently in use – such as in the old locker rooms – and have been permanently disabled. We have temporarily turned off the three classroom outlets that tested above 15 ppb. Those fixtures will be replaced and the water retested before the outlets are returned to use.

In an area used only by adults, we have labeled the single outlet that tested above 15ppb “not potable water.” All outlets that tested above 15ppb will eventually be replaced or removed.

We are in the early stages of addressing the outlets that tested above 15ppb, and may find that in addition to fixtures, we may have to replace additional plumbing components. In any case, no student will have access to water from an outlet that tested above the required level.

The full report for the WBH water outlets is posted on the District tab of our website alongside this article, under policies, plans and notices. As soon as we have the results from the testing of the Jr/Sr High School, those results and our actions will also be posted.

If you are interested in learning more about the safety issues surrounding lead in drinking water, the New York State Department of Health website is loaded with information:

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

As always, maintaining safe schools is our highest priority. We will keep you informed as we have updates and will post them to the website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Leslie Whitcomb'.

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