

Achievement, Respect, and Caring

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a new law on September 6, 2016 that requires public school districts to test for lead levels in all water outlets currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking. In accordance with the new law, this letter is being sent to inform you about recent water testing completed across the Lyncourt Union Free School District.

In the spring of 2016, the District tested 21 drinking water samples for lead. Although we were not mandated by New York State at that time to test our water, the District wanted to be proactive to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Recently, the district tested an additional 37 water samples. The district has now taken water samples from all 58 outlets within the district. Under the state's standard, water sources that could potentially be used for drinking or cooking that are found to have lead levels greater than 15 parts per billion (ppb) are to be taken out of service until remediated.

The following fixtures had readings above 15 ppb after initial testing:

- Sample #L-19: The girls bathroom sink (right) near the coaches office = 16.0 ppb
- Sample #L-24: Concession stand sink (low) = 55.0 ppb
- Sample #L-36: 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys bathroom sink (#3-sink furthest away from the door) = 30.0ppb

The district has labeled the above fixtures "Not Operable. Do Not Drink." Follow-up testing on the fixtures will be performed to ensure safe levels before being returned to service. After review of the follow up testing we will look into remedial efforts such as replacing the outlets.

Additional information and water testing results are available on the district websitehttps://www.lyncourtschool.org

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James J. Austin Superintendent of Schools

The Lyncourt Union Free School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to educating all learners to reach their full potential."