



ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Arthur S May Elementary School Community:

The Arlington Central School District is committed to protecting the health and welfare of the students you entrust to our care everyday along with that of our staff and community members.

On September 6, 2016 Governor Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts in New York State to test potable (drinkable) water systems for lead every five years and to take responsive actions, if needed. The action level was set at 15 ppb (parts per billion). In December 2022, this legislation was revised to testing every three years and the action level was lowered to 5 ppb (parts per billion).

The school district was given protocols for sampling procedures, response time, reporting, public notification, and record keeping. In compliance with these requirements, all Arlington Schools were sampled prior to the December 31, 2026 deadline. The water samples were collected by Enviroscience Consultants and sent to New York Environmental for analysis.

At Arthur S May Elementary School 41 samples were collected. Of those, 10 samples exceeded the New York State Department of Health Lead Testing in School Drinking Water System protocol action level of 5 ppb (parts per billion).

One water fountain on the first floor, two water fountains on the second floor and one in the basement tested above the action level. Five faucets on the basement level tested above the action level.

All water fountains that were identified above the action level have been turned off, faucets that were identified above the action level are labeled with signage indicating that the water is to be used for hand washing and cleaning only and not to be used for drinking. Lead is not absorbed through skin contact, so these locations are safe for hand washing. The district will investigate and remediate these outlets. Once the remediation is complete, they will be resampled against the same action level.

Test results for each school will be uploaded to the school district website and be available at the Facilities and Operations Office located in the Central Administration Office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please contact Mr. John Wilson, Director of Facilities and Operations at 845-486-4977.

The following resources provide additional information:

Environmental Protection Agency: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

New York State Department of Health: <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/>

Sincerely,

John Wilson
Director of School Facilities and Operations

"We are Arlington"

The goal of the Facilities & Operations Department is to provide unsurpassed services, maintaining the highest standard of visual and physical comfort for all students, staff and the Arlington community, while ensuring fiscal responsibility with our District's investments.