

CANASTOTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In early September, the Canastota School District had all water outlets tested for the presence of lead. We have received the results for Peterboro Street and South Side Elementary Schools. We are still awaiting the results for Roberts Street and the Junior/Senior High School.

All of the water fountains at PSES and SSES used by students tested below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard for lead levels of 20 ppb and the NYS Department of Health action levels of 15 ppb. In addition, all water outlets that provide water for cooking tested below the same standards.

We did have three hand washing sinks in classrooms that were flagged. John Regan, our Director of Facilities, said this indicates that a fixture is the likely culprit, not our water source. These three sinks have been disabled and will not be used by students or staff.

Because there could be a margin of error with the first-draw samples, a second test on these faucets will be completed within the next few days similar to the first one to ensure the test results are accurate. This is normal procedure. If lead is detected above the allowable levels then remedial work will be completed as necessary.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our first priority. We will inform you if any remediation is necessary and the work will be completed as quickly as possible.

The results of this testing have been shared with the Madison County Health Department, which is required by the New York State Department of Health.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "June C. Clarke".

June C. Clarke
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