

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 Roberts Street and the Junior/Senior High School.

All of the water fountains used by students at RSES and the Junior/Senior High School tested below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard for lead levels of 20 ppb and the New York State Department of Health action levels of 15 ppb. All water outlets that provide water for cooking tested below the same standards.

We did have three hand washing sinks, not in classrooms, that were flagged. In addition, isolated in the area of construction (science classrooms), many lab sinks were flagged. All of these sinks have been disabled and will not be used until the problem is resolved.

Also, since there could be a margin of error with the first-draw samples, a second test will be completed similar to the first one to be sure it's not an issue with the test itself. This is normal procedure.

As always the health and safety of our staff and students is our first priority. Our construction leadership team has been apprised of the situation with the lab sinks and they will be investigating possible causes for the high levels in this area. Based on the information at hand, John Regan, our Director of Facilities, says the problem is not with our water source.

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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