



**Auburn**  
Enlarged City School District



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Dear Auburn High School Community:

Safe and healthy school environments can foster healthy and successful children. To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYSDOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking and cooking. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 15 micrograms per liter, the NYSDOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you that we now have received all lead test data from samples of water that were taken from Auburn High School on 3/5/20. Of 60 samples tested, five sites in the building slightly exceeded the permissible limit (15 micrograms per liter) as defined by state law. These five sites and the district's actions taken/actions planned are described below.

- C1 Kitchen by ovens – Sink: (0.016 mg/L), sampled on 3/5/20  
Actions taken: sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only  
Actions planned: reevaluate and repair, re-sampling
- B3 West Hall by Guidance – Bubbler/Drinking Fountain: (0.016 mg/L), sampled on 3/5/20  
Actions taken: taken out of service temporarily  
Actions planned: reevaluate and repair, re-sampling
- C2 Room C210 – Sink: (0.016 mg/L), sampled on 3/5/20  
Actions taken: sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only  
Actions planned: reevaluate and repair, re-sampling
- E2 Room E205– Sink: (0.068 mg/L), sampled on 3/5/20  
Actions taken: sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only  
Actions planned: reevaluate and repair, re-sampling
- E2 Room E202– Sink: (0.026 mg/L), sampled on 3/5/20  
Actions taken: sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only  
Actions# planned: reevaluate and repair, re-sampling

Lead test results for Auburn High School can be found on our district website: <http://www.aecsd.education/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1454>

As indicated above, in order to ensure the quality of water in the school buildings, we have displayed a sign above each sink with an elevated lead level that indicates it is for hand washing only. We will be replacing fixtures in these sinks. The fountain has been taken out of service, we will reevaluate and repair. We will then retest the five water outlets for lead.

We take the health and safety of our students and staff seriously, and we are committed to ensuring that our water sources inside our schools are safe. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (315) 255-8818.

Sincerely,

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Director of Facilities