

April 13, 2020

Dear Auburn Junior 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 Junior High School on 2/28/20. Of 59 samples tested, one site in the building slightly exceeded the permissible limit (15 micrograms per liter) as defined by state law. This one site and the district's actions taken/actions planned are described below.

Boys Coach Office Bathroom – Bathroom sink: (0.061 mg/L), sampled on 2/28/20
 Actions taken: sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only
 (Sink not used for drinking or food preparation)
 Actions planned: replace valves and faucet, re-sampling

Lead test results for Auburn Junior 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 the sink with an elevated lead level that indicates it is for hand washing only. We will be replacing fixtures in this sink. We will then retest this water outlet 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,

Eric L. Francisco
Director of Facilities