



**Auburn**  
Enlarged City School District



*Harriet Tubman*  
*Administration Building*  
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April 17, 2020

Dear William H. Seward Elementary 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 William H. Seward Elementary School on 2/27/20. Of 72 samples tested, two sites in the building slightly exceeded the permissible limit (15 micrograms per liter) as defined by state law. These two sites and the district's actions taken/actions planned are described below.

- Room C5 – Handwashing outlet: (0.017 mg/L), sampled on 2/27/20  
Actions taken: sign posted indicating outlet is for hand washing only  
*(Outlet not used for drinking or food preparation)*  
Actions planned: replace valves and faucet, re-sampling
- Room C5 – Handwashing outlet: (0.052 mg/L), sampled on 2/27/20  
Actions taken: sign posted indicating outlet is for hand washing only  
*(Outlet not used for drinking or food preparation)*  
Actions planned: replace valves and faucet, re-sampling

Lead test results for William H. Seward Elementary 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 signs above each of the handwashing outlets with elevated lead levels that indicate they are for hand washing only. We will be replacing fixtures in each of the handwashing outlets. We will then retest the two 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric L. Francisco'.

Eric L. Francisco  
Director of Facilities