



Auburn

Enlarged City School District



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Building

Facilities Department

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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 5 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 5 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 12/19/25. Of 29 samples tested, 2 sites in the building slightly exceeded the permissible limit (5 micrograms per liter) as defined by state law. The sites and the district's actions taken/actions planned are ~~described~~ below.

- Classroom 102 sink – Classroom sink: (0.00671 mg/L), sampled on 12/19/25
Actions taken: sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only
Actions planned: NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing
- Staff Lounge (Faculty Cafeteria) sink – Sink: (0.00574 mg/L), sampled on 12/19/25
Actions taken: sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only
Actions planned: NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing

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 signage at the sites with elevated lead levels that indicates they are for hand washing only or out of service. We will follow the NYS guidelines for remediation. We will then retest these 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) 255-8853.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patrick Poirier'.

Patrick Poirier
Director of Facilities