



**Auburn**  
Enlarged City School District



Harriet Tubman Administration  
Building  
Facilities Department

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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 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 Seward Elementary School on 12/18/25. Of 46 samples tested, 7 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 noted on the reverse side of this letter.

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, 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

<b>William H. Seward Elementary School Sample Location</b>	<b>Collection Date</b>	<b>Lead Results mcg/L (ppb)</b>	<b>Actions Taken</b>	<b>Actions Planned</b>
BAND ROOM A18 SINK	12/18/25	0.0200	Sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only	NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing
A5 KITCHEN PREP SINK	12/18/25	0.00826	Sign posted outlet is out of service	NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing
A5 KITCHEN PREP SINK	12/18/25	0.00530	Sign posted outlet is out of service	NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing
HALLWAY FOUNTAIN NEAR B1	12/18/25	0.0210	Sign posted outlet is out of service	NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing
CLASSROOM C5 SINK 2	12/18/25	0.0112	Sign posted outlet is out of service	NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing
CLASSROOM C5 SINK 3	12/18/25	0.0101	Sign posted indicating sink is for hand washing only	NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing
CLASSROOM B14 SINK	12/18/25	0.00563	Sign posted outlet is out of service	NYS guidelines for remediation, post-remediation sampling & testing