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As you may be aware, On September 6, 2016 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed landmark legislation (S.8158/A.10740) mandating that schools across the state test drinking water for lead contamination. The New York State Department of Health also issued emergency regulations pursuant to the new legislation, requiring that school districts test their water for lead contamination by Oct. 31, 2016 and report results to parents, the state Department of Health and local government officials. Last Spring, in response to the drinking water issues identified across the nation, North Syracuse Central School District along with other districts in Central New York, proactively established a process and procedure for testing sources of drinking water in the district. We worked with our local BOCES and followed well established EPA guidelines for testing known as the EPA 3T's. These guidelines establish an action level of 20 parts per billion and require a 2 step sampling procedure where the second sample is the critical sample for determining lead levels in the water. The New York State Department of Health established a more rigorous standard with an action level of 15 parts per billion and requires that we use the results from the first sampling. Based on these more rigorous standards we found 25 fixtures at North Syracuse Junior High School that do not meet these new requirements. Please see the chart below for specific information on the fixtures that do not meet the new requirements, their location, fixture, and remediation plan.

| Classroom # | Fixture | Remediation Plan |
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| 168 | Sink | Fixture Turned Off |
| 167 | Sink 1 | Sign Posted* |
| 129 | Sink 2 | Sign Posted* |
| 3 rd Floor Girls Bathroom Near 312 | Sink 1 | Fixture Turned Off |
| 3 rd Floor Girls Bathroom Near 312 | Sink 3 | Fixture Turned Off |
| 311 | Sink 1 | Sign Posted* |
| 311 | Sink 2 | Sign Posted* |
| 311 | Sink 3 | Sign Posted* |
| 311 | Sink 4 | Sign Posted* |
| 313 | Sink 5 | Sign Posted* |
| 317 | Sink 3 | Sign Posted* |
| 317 | Sink 5 | Sign Posted* |
| 317 | Sink 6 | Sign Posted* |
| 321 | Front Sink | Fixture Turned Off |
| 2 nd Floor South Handicap Bathroom | Sink 2 | Sign Posted* |
| 341 | Sink 2 | Fixture Turned Off |
| 339 | Sink 1 | Sign Posted* |

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| 339 | Sink 2 | Sign Posted* |
| 339 | Sink 3 | Fixture Turned Off |
| 331 | Sink 2 | Sign Posted* |
| 331 | Sink 4 | Sign Posted* |
| 331 | Sink 6 | Sign Posted* |
| 331 | Sink 7 | Sign Posted* |
| 327 | Sink 1 | Sign Posted* |
| 327 | Sink 2 | Sign Posted* |

*Hand Washing Only. Not for Drinking Use

Please be assured that all students and staff will continue to have access to drinking water from a fixture that meets the NYS Department of Health standards.

Sincerely,



*Annette Speach
Superintendent of Schools*