

NORTH TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

176 Walck Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

December 7, 2016

Dear North Tonawanda City School District Parent,

On September 6, 2016 New York State passed a law (NYCRR Title 10, Subpart 67-4) requiring public school districts to test their water outlets for lead contamination and to implement a lead remediation plan where necessary. The North Tonawanda City School District is committed to protecting our students, teachers, staff and community health. In anticipation of this legislation we started planning for this initiative back in April 2016.

In compliance with this new legislation, the North Tonawanda City School District has completed water testing at all of our schools and buildings ahead of the deadlines of September 30th for Pre-K thru Grade 5 and October 31st for Grades 6 thru 12. The water sampling and reports were conducted by Stohl Environmental, a New York State Environmental Consultant. We have sampled over 1,000 water outlets across the North Tonawanda City School District. The district has started to receive the results which are being reported on the district website as soon as possible. Reports have been posted for Drake Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Meadow Elementary School, Ohio Elementary School, and Spruce Elementary School.

An outlet is a potable (safe to drink/drinkable) water fixture that is currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking purposes, including but not limited to drinking fountains, bubblers, and faucet/fixture.

Any water outlet that exceeds the state's action level of 15 ppb (parts per billion) will immediately be discontinued for use as a potable drinking water outlet. The outlet will either be taken out of service or have appropriate signage posted stating 'Non-potable Water – Do Not Drink'. A remediation plan will then be developed for these outlets which may include filtration, replacement or removal. The outlet will be retested to insure levels are below thresholds before being used as potable water again.

Action Steps Being Taken in North Tonawanda City School District

- All water outlets tested
- Outlets that exceed the 15 ppb threshold are either taken out of service or appropriate signage posted.
- The district is currently working to identify the specific source of the impurity.
- Remedial action will take place once the source is identified.
- Follow-up testing will be conducted as required by the regulations.

How Can I Learn More?

You can see a copy of all of our water testing results at the school district's Central Office located at 176 Walck Rd, North Tonawanda, NY, which is open Monday to Friday from (7:45 am to 4:00 pm) and on our Website at (www.ntschoools.org). For more information about water quality in our schools, please contact Jeff Barke, Temporary Director of Facilities III, at 716.8073515. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact the Niagara County Department of Health at 716-439-7452.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools