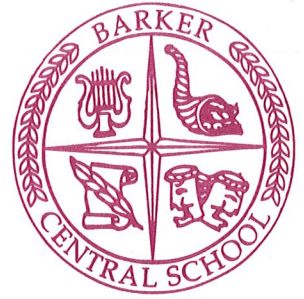


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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On September 6, 2016, the State of New York passed legislation requiring all public school districts to test potable water systems for lead and to take responsive action where levels tested above permissible limits. The state has determined permissible lead levels in potable water to be 15 parts per billion (ppb). The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) permissible level is 20 ppb.

In compliance with the State Education Department Lead Testing mandate, the District's potable water was evaluated in late September. A total of 347 indoor and outdoor samples were tested including drinking fountains, faucets, spigots, and concession stand water sources. All drinking fountains tested below the state threshold. Forty-one samples exceeded this threshold. Eleven of the forty-one were hose bibs/spigots and those requiring a wrench to turn on/off. The remaining thirty included faucets; twenty-one located in the 1911/HS building, five in the Middle School and four in the Elementary School.

The water sources that tested above state limits in the initial sampling will be retested and/or remediated, where applicable. Remediation measures may include, but not be limited to, replacement of plumbing/fixtures or completely shutting down the water source. Signs indicating "Do Not Drink" or "Hand-Washing and/or Cleaning Only" have been placed at those water sites exceeding 15 ppb.

Please note that the primary sources of water consumption which include drinking fountains and faucets used for food preparation in the kitchen areas tested within the acceptable levels.

You are welcome to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Klatt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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