



# THE PORT BYRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

As you may be aware, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a new law on September 6, 2016 that requires public school districts to test for lead levels in all water outlets currently or potentially used for drinking or cooking. In accordance with the new law, this letter is being sent to inform you about recent water testing completed across the Port Byron School District.

The district has taken water samples from 177 outlets within the district. Under the state's standard, which is significantly more stringent than current federal standards, water sources that could potentially be used for drinking or cooking that are found to have lead levels greater than 15 parts per billion (ppb) are to be taken out of service until remediated. A sink that is important for handwashing may remain in service and labeled not for consumption until remediated.

We recently received the results for this sampling. Of the 177 fixtures sampled, only 14 fixtures were identified with lead levels slightly above the 15-ppb action level. These fixtures are listed below. The district immediately shut these fixtures off or installed signs indicating that the fixtures are for handwashing only, not drinking. Many of these fixtures are used infrequently and will be permanently removed from service. The remaining fixtures will be replaced and retested with satisfactory results before allowing them to be used for drinking or food preparation.

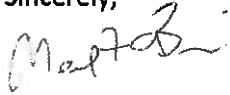
The following fixtures had readings above 15 ppb after initial testing:

- Room 20 Left Fountain
- Room 18 Left Sink
- Room 24 Right Sink
- Room 15 Bathroom Sink
- Room 25 Right Sink
- Room 14 Left Sink
- Room 14 Right Fountain
- Room 14 Right Sink
- Room 14 Bathroom Sink
- Room 8 Bathroom Sink
- Room 10 Fountain
- Room 10 Sink
- Outside Concession Stand Sink
- Bus Garage Rear Hose Bib

The district has taken the above fixtures out of service and/or labeled "Do Not Drink" and will be replacing and/or removing the fixtures during the holiday break. Follow-up testing will be completed to ensure safe levels before being returned to service.

Additional information and water testing results are available on the district website [www.pbcschools.org](http://www.pbcschools.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil F. O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Neil F. O'Brien  
Superintendent