



Sandy Creek Central School District

"Comet Pride is Community-Wide!"

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

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As you may remember, Sandy Creek Central School took a proactive approach in dealing with the lead issue in school districts. When our tests were conducted on May 19, 2016 the safe limit as per EPA guidelines was 20 parts per billion (ppb) for districts that do not have their own water systems. The Sandy Creek School District obtains their water from the villages of Sandy Creek/Lacona from the street. At that time (5/19/16) all test results were below the threshold of 20 ppb. We assumed we were in the clear and reported our results to the public.

However, NYS legislation has now reduced the EPA guidelines for school districts that receive their water from other sources, such as Villages/Towns/Public water supplies, to 15 ppb along with mandating additional areas of testing. Results of our first round of testing on 5/19/16, revealed one outlet at 18 ppb. At that time we proactively, removed this outlet from service and replaced the faucet and aerator. This morning we tested approximately 140 supplementary outlets in addition to the re-test of the one outlet from our last testing that had been remediated. We will post the complete results on our website as soon as we receive them from the laboratory.

Please feel free to refer to our website at <http://www.sccs.cnyric.org> as we will post the results from the previous testing as well as the testing completed today. We will do what we need to do to ensure that all of our water is below the mandated lead level. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kyle L. Faulkner
Superintendent of Schools

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