



Spackenkill Union Free School District

DISTRICT OFFICE

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MARK VILLANTI, ED.D.
Acting Superintendent of Schools

Dear Todd Families:

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Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum, Instruction, and
Pupil Personnel

As you may know from newspaper accounts, all NYS schools are now required to test for lead in our drinking water. The announcement was provided by the NY State Education Department as follows:

MICHELE S. MOLONEY
School Business Manager

On September 6, 2016, the Governor signed legislation requiring all school districts in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. To implement this new law, the Department of Health issued emergency regulations, titled Lead Testing in School Drinking Water.

The Spackenkill Union Free School District has conducted testing in all of our schools. Dave Downes, Facilities Director, shared this information with the Board of Education at a public meeting in September. As the results are received we will make this information known to our schools and families. The district has already begun replacing drinking fountains, and we are developing a full replacement schedule. New water fountains have filters for reduction of lead, chlorine taste and odor, and Particulate Class I. In the event that testing reveals results above the allowable limit of 15 parts per billion (ppb) we will shut off the water to that fixture.

As of today, of the 62 locations tested at Todd Middle School, only one sample from TMS has come back exceeding the allowable limit. It is:

- 1 custodial mop sink

We are still awaiting results from the high school and will post information on our web page as we receive it. If you have any questions please contact me at mark.villanti@sufsdny.org.

Sincerely,

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Interim/Acting Superintendent

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