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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) is requiring all school districts to test potable water fixtures for lead contamination and to remediate any fixtures if testing confirms exceedances provided by the DOH. Districts are also required to notify parents of children and the public of test results. Any source that exceeds 15 parts per billion will require action.

The Tonawanda City School District has begun testing the water sources in every building for lead. To date, we have received results from the three elementary buildings. The chart below outlines areas where the threshold was higher than 15 parts per billion.

Riverview Elementary	Area	Exceeds DOH Threshold of 15 parts per billion.
	Room 109 Bathroom	25.8
	Room 130 Bathroom	33.4
	Library	28.7
Mullen Elementary		
	Supply Source	359*
	Cafeteria Entrance Boys Bathroom	15.3
	Cafeteria Entrance Girls Bathroom	17.4
	Boiler room	29.8
	Main entrance corridor Men's Bathroom Sink B	16.8
	Room 113	16.8
	Room 118 Bathroom	17.3
	Room 121 Bathroom	29.3
	Room 122 Bathroom	25.8
	Room 123 Bathroom	23.9
	Room 125 Bathroom	29.6
	Room 126 Bathroom	26.7
Fletcher Elementary		
	Supply Source	21.6
	Room 103	17.6

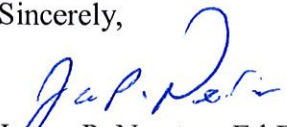
	Room 105 Bathroom	26.4
	Room 107 Nurse Bathroom	20.2
	Boys Locker Room Sink A	25.8
	Boys Locker Room Sink B	40.7
	Girls Locker Room Sink A	18.2
	Girls Locker Room Sink B	25.9
	Girls Bathroom Sink B	16
	Room 204	17.3
	Room 205	15.2
	Main Office Bathroom Sink	23.1

*The supply source at Mullen had a number much higher than the actual faucet/fixture readings in the building. We are retesting the supply source and the results should be in on Monday. I will update the website once data is received.

Safety of our students and staff is priority. In response to these test results, the water outlets that exceeded testing levels were immediately taken out of service. Fixtures and faucets have already been replaced. Water from these sources will be retested until exceedances of lead are below the NYSDOH Standards. Drinking fountains and kitchen cafeteria sinks tested below the 15 parts per billion threshold.

Test results will be posted on our District website at www.tonawandacsd.org. Feel free to contact the Erie County Department of Health at 961-6800 for more information about water quality and sampling for lead.

Sincerely,



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