

**CHATHAM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear CCSD Families,

I wanted to provide you with another update on our water remediation. We have now received all of the test results from our first phase of remediation work completed this summer, which involved replacing all water fixtures used for drinking water or food preparation that showed elevated levels for lead, and retesting them. I am pleased to report that all of our outlets used for food preparation and most of our drinking water outlets tested at acceptable levels and are now safe to use. However, there were some outlets where replacing the fixtures did not effectively remediate the lead. Those areas will need additional remediation measures and will remain shut off until we have confirmed they are safe to use. We will continue to provide bottled water in rooms that don't have convenient access to drinking water.

As I shared with you earlier, Chatham Central School District conducted water testing this past April and identified several areas where lead levels were at or above the EPA standard, and a small number of areas that also showed copper levels above the EPA standard. The test results from this first phase of remediation will help us determine the best course of action for addressing the remaining areas that require remediation. Our school put into place safety precautions to temporarily address these areas, such as turning off certain fixtures, flushing others, posting signage, and providing bottled drinking water, which will remain in effect until we resolve each issue.

As part of our remediation plan, we took the added safety measure of remediating water outlets that tested at 15 parts per billion (.015) or higher for lead, which is below the EPA standard of .020. Last week, New York State passed a new law requiring schools to test their water and address lead levels at .015 or higher. While this law is very new, our school district is already meeting its requirements due to the proactive measures we took this spring and summer.

A summary of our water testing results from April and most recent remediation results is posted to our Water Testing link at www.chathamcentralschools.com. We will continue to update this document as our remediation progresses. On that webpage you will also find previous letters I have sent you and other information pertaining to our water testing.

Sincerely,

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