



Administrative Services

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Dear CiTi School Community,

The New York State Public Health Law and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require school districts and BOCES to test school potable water sources for the existence of lead. The intent of these directives is to check outlets for lead contamination and trigger remediation plans for any outlets producing lead levels in excess of the defined limit. Amendments to these laws and regulations occurred in December 2022, wherein the actionable threshold for presence of lead was reduced from 15-ppb (parts per billion) to 5-ppb, and the required testing interval shortened from 5 years to 3 years, with the kickoff test for the new cycle to be completed by December 31, 2025.

In accordance with the revised regulations, CiTi has completed testing of all applicable water outlets on the CiTi main campus. Testing was conducted using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommendations as described in their document "3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools." Samples were collected by certified technician, evaluated using a certified NYSDOH laboratory, and results have been received.

Upon testing 66 campus water outlets identified as possible sources of drinking water, 3 showed lead levels above the 5-ppb mark. These outlets were immediately denoted with signage saying, "Non-Potable Water. Do Not Drink." Also please note, none of these 3 outlets were drinking fountains, rather all were hand-washing sinks not used as sources of water for drinking.

The full report of our CiTi main campus test results is available on the CiTi website, CiTiboces.org, and results for other leased locations will be provided when completed. A summary of the 3 outlets identified on the main campus is as follows:

- Main Building – Exceptional Ed. Classroom F145 handwashing sink – came in at 39.1 ppb
- Main Building – CTE Nurse Assisting Lab B150 handwashing sink – came in at 18.9 ppb
- Main Building – Project Explore Welding Shop D140 handwashing sink – came in at 5.8 ppb

CiTi is committed to the safety and health of our students and staff, which has and will continue to be our highest priority. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Terry Stoddard, Director of Facilities, at (315) 963-4368.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael J. Sheperd'.

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