

Babylon Union Free School District

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Dear Babylon Families:

Over the last several months, the quality of public water has been of concern throughout the state and nation. The health and safety of our school community, including our students, staff and visitors to our buildings, is always our top priority.

In an effort to be proactive, the Babylon Union Free School District voluntarily tested the water at each water fountain, sink and shower throughout the district for traces of lead. Hundreds of water quality samples were analyzed by our environmental consultants who did this important work for us. To date we have received the final reports on test results taken at all three schools. Test results in the three buildings indicate that all water sources accessible to students, faculty and visitors meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) water quality safety standards.

Of the 277 samples tested districtwide, only 2 showed levels higher than the Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines for schools after numerous draws. Of the 2 elevated sources, both were located in the high school; one being a sink faucet in a back corner office that was not in use for several years and another at a teachers' work station sink in a science classroom. **Both identified locations were non-drinking sources.**

For the two sources identified as elevated, the district followed the EPA guidelines for corrective action. Upon notification of the results, the district immediately took the sources offline. The corner office sink referenced above has been permanently taken offline. We replaced the science room fixture with "lead-free" plumbing specific to that water source and have retested to assure the levels are now compliant. Given the opportunity to remain proactive and plan for our future, we took it one step further and decided to replace old fixtures throughout the district with new fixtures given the appropriate timing and ability to do so keeping in mind the age of our buildings.

We are pleased to say our water quality results are in compliance with EPA recommendations. The district will continue to comply with NYS regulations as they are introduced. For more information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or NYS Department of Health.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi
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