



December 5, 2016

Dear Parents and Staff Members:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. This law, and subsequent NYS Department of Health Regulations, requires samples to be drawn from elementary schools on or before September 30 and from middle and high schools on or before October 31. Samples are required to be “first draw” samples, which requires that the water is motionless for at least eight (8) hours in the pipes and fixtures before it is collected.

The level of lead concentration at a water outlet that requires us to take action is above fifteen (15) parts per billion. Test results, for the 72 outlets sampled, showed that eleven outlets in AuSable Forks Elementary School were above this action level. The location, concentration level and our immediate action plan for each outlet is listed below. We will work with Department of Health officials to determine any required further testing and we will begin remedial work immediately.

We would like to highlight that a majority of the outlets were hands-free faucets, where the hot and cold water pre-mix. The NYS Department of Health’s sampling instructions called for us to manually turn off the hot water on those outlets; we felt it was more representative of regular use if we sampled them as they normally operate. In this regard we felt it was in the best interest of the students and staff to go above and beyond the Regulations’ requirement. The health and wellness of our students and staff is very important to us. We will take all steps necessary to ensure that the water in our buildings is safe to drink, including the ongoing replacement of aging fixtures as part of our preventative maintenance program.

In addition to this notification, test results for all outlets in District school buildings will be posted on our website, [www.avcs.org](http://www.avcs.org), no later than December 1, 2016.

The results for AuSable Forks Elementary School are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Concentration Level [ppb]</u>	<u>Action</u>
Kindergarten Bathroom Sink (Rm 153)	17.0	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”; faucet to be replaced
Boys’ Bathroom (Rm 155) Hands-Free Faucet	54.0	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”; faucet to be replaced
Boys’ Bathroom (Rm 155) Hands-Free Faucet	91.7	Sink Labelled “For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink”; faucet to be replaced



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<u>Location</u>	<u>Concentration Level [ppb]</u>	<u>Action</u>
Girls' Bathroom (Rm 154) Hands-Free Faucet	99.0	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"; faucet to be replaced
Girls' Bathroom (Rm 154) Hands-Free Faucet	53.0	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"; faucet to be replaced
Men's Bathroom (Rm 157) Hand-Free Faucet	15.7	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"; faucet to be replaced
Laundry Room Sink (Rm 106)	25.9	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"; faucet to be replaced
Boys' Bathroom (Rm 114) Hands-Free Faucet	84.3	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"; faucet to be replaced
Boys' Bathroom (Rm 114) Hands-Free Faucet	22.0	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"; faucet to be replaced
Girls' Bathroom (Rm 115) Hands-Free Faucet	20.0	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"; faucet to be replaced
Girls' Bathroom (Rm 115) Hands-Free Faucet	31.0	Sink Labelled "For Hand Washing Only – Do Not Drink"; faucet to be replaced

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Buildings and Grounds office at 834-2197.

Sincerely,

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