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## **CVES MISSION**

Champlain Valley Educational Services empowers students, schools and communities by providing exemplary education, training, support and shared services.

January 13, 2017

## 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. Here at Champlain Valley Educational Services (CVES), we collected samples at the Yandon-Dillon Education Center at the Mineville Campus on September 30, 2016. Samples are required to be "first draw" samples, which requires that the water remain motionless for at least eight (8) hours in the pipes and outlets (faucets, drinking fountains, etc.) before it is sampled.

The level of lead concentration at a water outlet that requires us to take action is above fifteen (15) parts per billion (.015 mg/L). Test results that were received by CVES on January 10, 2017 for the 36 outlets tested showed that 3 of the outlets at the Yandon-Dillon Education Center were above this action level. The locations, the concentration levels, and our immediate action plan for the outlets is listed below. All outlets identified as having concentration levels above .015 have already been placarded and will be replaced as soon as possible. **None** of the samples that required action were from drinking fountains. We will work with Department of Health officials to insure that retesting protocols, and clearance testing of the newly installed replacement outlets, are completed as required.

Please be assured that the health and wellness of our students and staff is our top priority, and that we will take all steps necessary to ensure that the water in our buildings is safe to drink.

In addition to this notification, test results for all outlets in CVES school buildings will be posted on our website, www.cves.org, in the near future.

## Results for the CVES Yandon-Dillon Education Center - Mineville Campus:

Location	Concentration	Action
	(parts per billion)	
Room 32 Boys Bathroom,	35 ppb	Sink has been labeled "For Hand Washing Only –
sink #2	5,500	Do Not Drink"; existing fixture will be replaced as
		soon as possible.
Room 24 Kitchen,	17 ppb	Sink has been labeled "Not potable water—Do Not
Wash/Prep Sink		use for drinking or cooking"; existing fixture will be
		replaced as soon as possible.
Room 8A Changing Room,	52 ppb	Sink has been labeled "For Hand Washing Only –
Hand Washing Sink		Do Not Drink"; existing fixture will be replaced as
		soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Jeff Sisson, the CVES Health, Safety, Risk Management Specialist at 561-0100.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark C. Davey, Ed.D.

District Superintendent of Schools

Jerry Brooks

Director of Facilities II

cc: CVES Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Jeff Sisson, Health, Safety, Risk Management Specialist