

PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent of Schools

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To the Members of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School Community:

In light of recent quality-of-water issues that have arisen in our region, the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District voluntarily began testing its potable water sources in May 2016. Specifically, the District tested a total of 233 drinking outlets across nine buildings for the presence of lead. The assessment and testing was performed in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA's) protocols as recommended in their publication 3T's for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools. Of the 233 drinking outlets, lead was initially detected above the action level in 27 of these locations. These outlets have been removed from service until further investigation, remediation and/or retesting is completed. The District is in the process of retesting the outlets that required remediation in addition to almost 180 more outlets that are generally not used consumption such as restroom and science laboratory faucets.

The District has instituted a daily flushing protocol in all school district buildings, designed to promote the more active water flow of our water supply, which decreases the likelihood of lead accumulation. You should also note that since the 2012-13 school year all of our cafeterias have hydration stations containing a filtration system that is used for daily consumption. We are also increasing the number of filtered hydration stations in our hallways and are installing in-line water filters in an increasing number of classrooms.

We will continue to post the results of these tests in summary form and through the complete lab report as we receive them on our district's website www.pobschools.org under "Water Testing" in the "Announcements" section of the homepage. Copies of the most current test results will also be available for public inspection in each school building. Safeguarding the health of our District community is our number one priority.

For information on reducing lead in drinking water, including what homeowners can do in their homes, please visit the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Cunningham, our Assistant Superintendent for Business, at 516-434-3050.

Sincerely,

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