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Good afternoon:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. To implement this new law, the Department of Health issued emergency regulations, titled Lead Testing in School Drinking Water -10 NYCRR Subpart 67-4 (Subpart 67- 4), effective September 6, 2016. The final regulation was adopted on May 9, 2018 which requires testing every 5 years starting in 2020.

Schools are responsible for identifying the total number of outlets that require sampling. Samples must be first draw samples, collected in 250 ml containers, and taken from a cold water outlet where the water has been motionless in the pipes for a minimum of 8 hours but not more than 18 hours. Samples must be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified under the Department of Health's Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP).

If lead levels are detected above 15 parts per billion (ppb) at any potable water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until a lead remediation plan is implemented to mitigate the lead level, and test results indicate that the lead levels are at or below the action level. The school must ensure that building occupants have an adequate alternate supply of potable water for drinking and cooking until the remediation plan is implemented. Schools must report the exceedance to the local health department (LHD) within one business day. Test results must also be provided in writing to all staff and parents no more than 10 business days after receiving the report.

Pursuant to the regulations, the Roscoe Central School District sampled the potable water outlets that are in use during the 20-21 school year including outlets used for drinking and cooking purposes. The number of outlets tested this time are much fewer than the 2016 sampling due to clearer testing guidelines in place now. Outlets that are premixed with hot water, like the bathroom faucets, no longer need to be tested. Water fountains bubblers were also not tested this time since they are not in service in accordance with our Covid19 reopening plan. These outlets will be tested as soon as they are reopened for use. All samples are first draw samples drawn using the EPA's 3 T's Guidelines.

Of the 20 samples taken, none tested above the 15ppb limit. A complete list of the testing results can be found on the school website, [www.roscoe.k12.ny.us/](http://www.roscoe.k12.ny.us/).

For questions on how lead affects the body or remediation process, please contact the Sullivan County Health Department.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this process.

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