

# Lancaster Central School District

177 Central Avenue  
Lancaster, NY 14086

October 28, 2016

Dear Staff and Parents of Central Avenue Elementary School,

In September 2016, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation mandating that all of New York State's nearly 700 public school districts test their drinking water systems to ensure compliance with current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.

In accordance with this new law and regulation, the Lancaster Central School District hired Loftis Engineering Group to complete water testing in all District buildings. Water testing for Central Avenue Elementary School was completed on September 24, 2016 and we recently received results. Of the 52 samples taken, 25 were found to be satisfactory. The remaining 27 outlets were deemed to exceed the action level of 15 parts per billion.

We have taken immediate action to take water sources that exceeded the threshold of 15 parts per billion out of service or they have been marked with appropriate signage for individuals to know that those sources should not be used for drinking water. These water outlets will be remediated and then retested. Only when outlets have been retested and successful remediation has been confirmed, will they be placed back into service.

The outlets that have been identified as needing action are:

Classroom sinks: Room 108, 109, 130, 135, 137, 138, 139

Staff Office Sinks: Room 119, 124, 126, 127, 128, 140

Bathroom sinks: Room 105, 125, 128 (2), girl's locker room (2), boy's (3) and girl's (3) across from room 131

One sink in kitchen

One water fountain in cafeteria

The results from testing from Central Avenue and all District buildings when testing is complete, are available at the [District's Website](http://www.lancasterschools.org/drinking_water_safety) ([http://www.lancasterschools.org/drinking\\_water\\_safety](http://www.lancasterschools.org/drinking_water_safety)).

Please be assured that the health and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors to our facilities are our highest priority and that we are being proactive in assessing all district buildings to ensure that these new standards are being met. If any remediation is found to be necessary, it will be swift and comprehensive.

We will keep you up to date with any additional information via our website and social media.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Vallely, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools