

Minisink Valley Central School District

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A letter from Superintendent Brian C. Monahan:

The district has been performing water quality testing in accordance with legislation signed by Governor Cuomo on September 6. The new law requires all New York State public schools to test for lead levels of all sources of water used, or potentially used, for drinking or cooking.

The State Department of Health and State Education Department have established an action level of 15 parts per billion (PPB). Water sources that test higher than this threshold and are used for drinking or food preparation must be removed from service while corrective action is taken.

At Minisink Valley Middle School all 199 sources of water were tested regardless of their specific use, without exception. All water sources used for drinking and food preparation (148) tested below the allowable 15 parts per billion. They include water fountains, student and faculty sinks, kitchen sinks, locker room sinks and the ice machine.

Of the 51 fixtures that tested above the action level, 40 are science room sinks. The remaining 11 fixtures consist of one girls' bathroom sink; one kitchen kettle filler that is not in use; and nine outdoor water spigots.

Complete test results for the middle school are available on the Community Info page of our website. A print copy of this letter will be sent home with students on Monday, Nov. 28.

All of the affected fixtures and/or areas are clearly identified as unsuitable for drinking, and the district is implementing a plan to replace and retest fixtures as needed.

Please be assured that we are taking all the necessary steps to ensure that the quality of drinking and cooking water throughout our district meets state regulations. Upon completion of the district's remediation plan and retesting process, we will inform you of the results.

Please call me at (845) 355-5115, if you have any questions. For health-related questions and concerns please contact the Orange County Department of Health at (845) 291-2332.

Brian C. Monahan



Superintendent