



## LEAD TESTING IN SCHOOL DRINKING WATER

For many years the Katonah-Lewisboro School District has complied with and even exceeded all water testing requirements associated with the safe operation of our well systems and our water supply. Last year, we shared with the community the very good results we received in last year's water tests.

We are writing now because of a recent change in NYS laws. Effective September 6, 2016, all public and charter schools are now required to test for lead content in the water drawn from all outlets used for drinking or cooking. This requirement includes bathroom faucets, water fountains, faucets in kitchens, etc. This new requirement applies to all schools, whether the water supply is from a well or from a municipal source.

Schools serving grades pre-K through 5 are required to sample the water by September 30, 2016 and schools serving grades 6 through 12 by October 31, 2016.

KLSD is working closely with the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDoH) to be sure we comply with all aspects of the new testing protocol. This protocol has been designed to assist both the WCDoH and the schools in gaining information that could be used in the event that the test results indicate that remediation is required.

Test results are expected to be provided to the District approximately seven days after the sample date. Each school must send the test results, within 24 hours of receipt from the lab, to the WCDoH. A communication relative to the results, as well as a remediation plan must be posted on the District's website "as soon as practicable" but no later than 10 days after receipt. The published information must include a remediation plan if necessary.

If remediation proves to be necessary, any repaired fixture must be retested before it is returned to service.

The new law requires that schools retest their entire buildings once every 5 years in addition to the ongoing tests still required by WCDoH.

We look forward to providing you with additional updates just as soon as they become available.

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