

# Tioga Central School District

Tioga Center, NY 13845

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To the Tioga Central School Community:

The Tioga Central School District is committed to providing a safe & secure learning environment for our students. As part of this commitment, we have complied with the newly released New York State Department of Health regulations signed into law by Governor Cuomo on September 6, 2016. These regulations require lead testing in school water supplies where water may potentially be used for drinking or cooking.

The new regulations require an "action plan" be developed for any outlet where lead levels exceed 15 parts per billion (ppb) or .015. It is worth noting that the New York State Department of Health has adopted a threshold for action which is a higher standard than the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) limit of 20 ppb. Outlet means any water supply (fountain, faucet, etc.) which is used, or may be used, for drinking or cooking. The action plan must spell out any remedial steps the district plans to take to reduce the levels of lead in those particular outlets.

According to the Department of Health, a short term remediation of flushing the actionable outlet for a specific amount of time each day is acceptable during the time frame when a longer term solution is under development. Long term remediation may include replacing the outlet, installing a filter, taking the outlet out of service, or designating the outlet a non-potable water source and applying appropriate signage. **Presently all outlets identified as exceeding the acceptable level have been taken out of operation and will remain out until remediated.** Also, upon recommendation of the Department of Health, Tioga Central will begin flushing all potable outlets after extended breaks of 3 or more days.

The following chart breaks down location by building of outlets tested, outlets exceeding acceptable levels, outlets retested, and comments.

Building Site	Total # Potable Water Outlets Tested	# of Outlets Exceeding Acceptable Level	# of Outlets Retested	Comments
Tioga Elementary	58	3	3	3 outlets removed from service while being remediated and retested. All 3 have passed retesting. All drinking fountains have passed.
Tioga Middle/UPK	49	1	1	1 outlet retested has passed. All drinking fountains have passed.
Tioga Senior High	61	0	0	All drinking fountains have passed.
Out Buildings*	5	1	1	All outlets tested and passed.

\*Out Buildings include: Bus Garage, Administration, Concession, and Exterior Drinking locations

A copy of the test results are available on our website, [www.tiogacentral.org](http://www.tiogacentral.org), as well as the required Lead Remediation Plan. Should you have questions, please contact the District Office at 607.687.8000 or Mr. Daniel Scherrer, Public Health Sanitarian, at the Tioga County Health Department at 607.687.8437.

Scot E. Taylor, Interim Superintendent