

# CLARENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff & Parents of the Harris Hill Elementary School Building,

New York State recently passed a law and series of regulations for school districts and BOCES to test potable water for lead contamination and to develop and implement a lead remediation plan, where applicable.

In accordance with this new law and regulation, the District met with a consultant regarding the water testing requirements and hired *EMSL Analytical* to complete water testing in all District buildings. Water testing for Harris Hill was completed on September 20, 2016. We recently received results of water testing for Harris Hill and we expect to have water testing results for all buildings by the end of October, 2016.

At Harris Hill Elementary School, 97 outlets were tested and 79 outlets were deemed to be satisfactory. The remaining 18 outlets were deemed to exceed the action level of 15 parts per billion.

The water outlets that exceeded the testing level have been taken out of service or marked with appropriate signage for individuals to know that those sources should not be used for drinking water. Those outlets will be remediated and we are working with *EMSL Analytical* to determine and implement the best course of action. At this time, we believe that changing out the plumbing fixtures will successfully remediate the problems. The District will retest these outlets after the remediation plan is implemented to ensure that the outlets do not exceed the action level prior to the outlet being used again.

Bottled water will be provided for student and staff use in the affected classrooms.

The outlets that have been identified as needing action are:

Classroom sinks:

Room 110 (1), 218 (1), 304 (1), 305 (1), 306 (1), 308 (1), 310 (2), 312 (1), 313 (2), 314 (2).

One drinking fountain in cafeteria

Two sinks in the Gym Staff Offices

One sink in the kitchen staff bathroom

One sink in the kitchen

The results of the testing from Harris Hill, and all District buildings when testing is complete, is available at the District's website. You can navigate by clicking on the Departments tab > Buildings & Grounds > Lead Testing Results. The direct link is <http://www.clarenceschools.org/Page/3753>.

Please know that the health and safety of students, staff and visitors is our top priority and we are committed to ensuring that water in the District's buildings is safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your building principal, me, or Brian Logel, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds at (716) 407-9131, or [blogel@clarenceschools.org](mailto:blogel@clarenceschools.org). Additionally, the Erie County Department of Health can be reached at 716 961-6800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey M. Hicks".

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools