



# Spackenkill Union Free School District

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Dear Spackenkill High School Families:

As you may know from newspaper accounts, all NYS schools are now required to test for lead in our drinking water. The announcement was provided by the NY State Education Department as follows:

*On September 6, 2016, the Governor signed legislation requiring all school districts in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. To implement this new law, the Department of Health issued emergency regulations, titled Lead Testing in School Drinking Water.*

The Spackenkill Union Free School District has conducted testing in all of our schools. Dave Downes, Facilities Director, shared this information with the Board of Education at a public meeting in September. The district has already begun replacing drinking fountains, and we are developing a full replacement schedule. New water fountains have filters for reduction of lead, chlorine taste and odor, and Particulate Class I. In the event that testing reveals results above the allowable limit of 15 parts per billion (ppb) we will shut off the water to that fixture.

As we have received results, we have made this information known to our schools and families. As of today, of the 82 locations tested at Spackenkill High School, only two samples have come back exceeding the allowable limit. They are:

- 1 custodial mop sink
- 1 sink in the athletic trainer's room

Information about the elementary and middle schools has already been posted on our district home page. If you have any questions please contact me at [mark.villanti@sufsdny.org](mailto:mark.villanti@sufsdny.org).

Sincerely,

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