Newark Valley Central Schools
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed legislation making New York the first state in the nation to require all school districts to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions if necessary. The newly released New York State Department of Health regulations have defined a considerably higher standard for acceptable levels of lead than that previously defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which was 20 parts per billion (ppb). Under this new standard, an "action plan" must be developed for any outlet where lead levels are found to be above 15 parts per billion (ppb). An *outlet* is defined as any water supply (fountain, sink, etc.), which may potentially be used for drinking or cooking.

The Newark Valley Central School District has taken this new regulation seriously and contracted with our Health and Safety, and environmental testing firms who specialize in this work. We have contracted with these professionals to ensure that only drinking outlets meeting this new high standard will be available to our students, staff and public. The March 2020 results of the required testing conducted at all sites within the District are below:

Site	TOTAL # of Potable Water Outlets Tested	# of Outlets Exceeding Acceptable Level
Nathan T. Hall Elementary	72	0
Newark Valley Middle School	20	0
Newark Valley High School	32	0
TOTAL	124	0

Please be assured that both municipal and well sources of water in the District are regularly tested and meet all safety standards.

School safety is paramount to the mission of the Newark Valley Central School District, and we are committed to providing a safe, secure learning environment. A copy of our test results will be available on our website at www.nvcs.stier.org. Should you have questions, please contact the District Office at 607-642-3221 or the Tioga County Health Department at 607-687-8600.

Sincerely,

Ryan Dougherty
Superintendent of Schools