

TO: Families, Faculty and Staff

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RE: 2020 Drinking Water Tests for Lead

This notice is to make you aware of the results from our tests for lead in water that might be used for drinking. The objective is to remediate or remove any drinking water outlet with lead levels that test higher than 15 parts per billion.

New York State revised water testing for lead to have all schools re-test in 2020 and then, thereafter, every five years. Monroe One BOCES re-tested the Foreman Center's Creekside School and EMCC, O'Connor Academy, and the Bird Morgan School outlets in late February. Lab results were returned in early March. These results were forwarded to our Monroe County Health Department, entered into the NYS Department of Health website, and published on our website https://www.monroe.edu/Domain/1516. We then closed school to comply with NYS Pause, COVID-19 response.

Within the Forman Center buildings, we tested 89 outlets and had three outlets of concern: sink mounted drinking bubblers in M-12 and in P-02 and the art room sink in P-01. We turned off the water to the bubblers and will continue to maintain a Do Not Drink sign in P-01. We then removed the bubblers from the M-12 and P-02 sinks.

In O'Connor Academy, we tested 18 outlets. Of these, only the D-03 science classroom sink continued to not meet drinking water standards. We will continue to maintain Do Not Drink signage for this outlet.

Bird Morgan School had 57 outlets tested and returned three outlets of concern: the sinks in M011, M016 and in the A005 serving line. Here too we immediately installed Do Not Drink signs and issued work orders for remediation. The sink faucets have been replaced in these locations but Do Not Drink signs may not be removed until the water is retested, and by the regulations, this may not be done until school re-opens.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your building administrator.