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Dear School Community Member:

NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation on September 6, 2016 requiring all school districts and BOCES to test potable water systems for lead and take responsive actions. Andes Central School completed the required sampling on September 18, 2016; 31 samples in total were taken with 5 locations exceeding the 15 parts per billion set by NYS as the minimum allowed. Andes Central School has received the results of the 2nd round of testing, which were collected on November 22, 2016. Of the 5 original locations that exceeded the 15 parts per billion, 4 locations are still testing high.

The results of the 2nd round of testing are as follows:

	Location	First draw (ppb)	30 second flush draw (ppb)
1	Girls Locker- L sink	17.0	7.1
2	Boys Locker- L sink	20.0	37.0
3	Boys Locker- R sink	52.0	47.0
4	Rest Room- sink	75.0	16.0

We will continue to place signage at each location indicating that water should not be used for drinking purposes. We also plan to replace faucets at each location and have the water retested once that is complete.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning. For more information about prevention and risks to lead exposure, please contact your family physician or consult the EPA's website www.epa.gov.

Please be assured that Andes Central School District continues to be proactive in efforts to keep our students and staff safe. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Chakar, Jr.
Superintendent