



# Port Jervis

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Dear Parents,

As you are likely aware, lead in drinking water has been in the news and has become a concern to the public at large. To that end, on September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed into law a bill requiring all school districts and BOCES to test potable water outlets for lead contamination.

The State called for elementary schools to be tested first, with Middle School and High School buildings to follow. Upon testing all indoor and outdoor water sources at the Middle School, we did find some areas that were above state standards. In accordance with this new law, signs have been installed next to any failed areas reading: "Non potable water do not drink".

The health and safety of your children and all faculty and staff remains our top priority. A copy of the test results can be found on the district website. We will continue to monitor our water levels in all buildings throughout the school year in order to ensure that there are no health risks to anyone in the Port Jervis City School District. If you have any questions regarding this matter or you would like to review the testing results, please do not hesitate to contact me at 845-858-3100 x 15511.

Yours in Port Pride,

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