

Oceanside Union Free School District

Water Testing Background



As of 12/23/2016

As you may know, there have been reports of lead being found in water from fountains and sinks in schools across the country, including on Long Island. Our goal in Oceanside is to safeguard the health and well-being of our students and staff by ensuring that the drinking water in our buildings is safe. Therefore, the Oceanside School District voluntarily began water quality testing in all of our schools in May by utilizing JC Broderick, an independent environmental consultant.

All initial (Phase 1) sampling of high priority water outlets which are outlets used for cooking or drinking was performed, analyzed and reported to the District in September. The Phase 1 report containing results is posted to the website without building floor plans for security purposes. These reports are available to be reviewed in their entirety by making an appointment with the Oceanside UFSD Buildings & Grounds Department at 516-594-2333.

New legislation has now transferred jurisdiction of this matter from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Department of Health (DOH) due to new regulations. More information can be found at: http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/child_care_providers.htm. The updated regulation not only required the sampling of high priority water outlets, but also required the sampling of all low and non-listed priority water outlets located on the school property. These are outlets that are not normally used for cooking or drinking, such as bathroom sinks, custodial slop sinks, science lab sinks, etc.

The school district has began Phase 2 sampling at the elementary schools and was completed in the OMS and HS. While we await the results of these tests, similar signage below will be posted in the coming weeks throughout the districts in bathrooms, classroom laboratories, custodial sinks, etc. which will inform occupants of potable sources not yet cleared for drinking.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FUTURE UPDATES REGARDING WATER TESTING WILL BE POSTED TO THE DISTRICT WEBSITE UNDER THE HEADING OF “SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELLNESS**”.**



On the following page, please find a chart containing the most recent information available for the Oceanside UFSD:

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Water Testing Progress Report

As of 12/23/2016



Building	Phase 1: Status
School 2	Re-testing of previously failed unit took place on 8/16 and failed again. <u>District has installed water filters and re-testing is slated for the holiday break.</u> Fountain will remain turned off until deemed safe.
School 3	Re-testing of replacement units completed; one unit failed the re-test. <u>District has installed water filters and re-testing is slated for the holiday break.</u> Fountain will remain turned off until deemed safe.
School 4	Testing complete; no issues.
School 5	Testing complete; no issues.
School 6 & Castleton HS	Re-testing of previously failed units took place on 8/16 and all failed again. One unit has been permanently abandoned and the <u>District has installed water filters on other units and re-testing is slated for the holiday break.</u> Fountains will remain turned off until deemed safe.
School 7: Oceanside HS	Re-testing of previously failed unit took place on 8/16 and failed again. <u>District has installed water filters and re-testing is slated for the holiday break.</u> Fountain will remain turned off until deemed safe.
School 8	Re-testing of previously failed units took place on 8/16 and all failed again. <u>District has installed water filters and re-testing is slated for the holiday break.</u> Fountains will remain turned off until deemed safe.
OMS/9E	Re-testing of previously failed units took place on 8/16 and three units failed again at OMS, while two out of three 9E units failed the retests. <u>District has installed water filters and re-testing is slated for the holiday break.</u> Fountains will remain turned off until deemed safe.

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Water Testing Progress Updates



[Board of Education Meeting: May 10, 2016](#)

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING

The Business Office has received proposals to test for lead in drinking water sources throughout the District. As seen on the news, higher levels of lead in other districts were found to be caused by refrigerated water fountains. It is important to note that these types of units were removed a number of years ago here in Oceanside; however, tests will be performed to ensure the safety of the drinking water. I will advise on test results as soon as they are available.

[Website: June 2, 2016](#)

Important Notice About Water Quality Testing in School Buildings

As you may know, there have been reports of lead being found in water from fountains and sinks in schools across the country, including on Long Island. Our goal in Oceanside is to safeguard the health and well-being of our students and staff by ensuring that the drinking water in our buildings is safe. Therefore, the Oceanside School District voluntarily began water quality testing in all of our schools in May. We are currently awaiting a written report on the testing and will notify the public when the report is available.

In an abundance of caution, we are turning off some sources of water in our buildings as recommended by our Buildings and Grounds Department while we await the written report.

[Board of Education Meeting: June 21, 2016](#)

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING: Update

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[Website: July 11, 2016](#)

Update on Water Testing: District Website Posting

[Website: August 16, 2016](#)

Water Quality Testing Update: District Website Posting

[Website: August 29, 2016](#)

Water Quality Testing Update: District Website Posting

[Board of Education Meeting: August 30, 2016](#)

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING: Update

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[Board of Education Meeting: September 14, 2016](#)

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING: Update

Initial lead testing results have been posted to the District's website in our continuing effort to provide transparency and updates on this matter. At this point in time, we are waiting to receive results of re-tests conducted on water sources that initially came in positive for lead. These fixtures will remain turned off until they are safe to be activated once again.

[Website: September 23, 2016](#)

Water Testing Update: District Website Posting & Detailed Report posted.

[Website: September 29, 2016](#)

Water Testing Update: District Website Posting

[Board of Education Meeting: October 19, 2016](#)

Dr. Harrington provided commentary on District communication, remediation efforts and new regulations

[Website: October 31, 2016](#)

Water Testing Update: District Website Posting

[Board of Education Meeting: November 16, 2016](#)

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING

The District voluntarily began water quality testing throughout all buildings in May and have been posting updates to the community via our website. All initial (Phase 1) sampling of high priority water outlets which are outlets used for cooking or drinking were performed, analyzed and reported to the District in September. The Phase 1 report containing results is posted to the website without building floor plans for security purposes. These reports are available to be reviewed in their entirety by making an appointment with the Oceanside UFSD Buildings & Grounds Department at 516-594-2333.

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[Website: November 30, 2016](#)

Water Testing Update: District Website Posting

Board of Education Meeting: December 21, 2016

DISTRICT-WIDE WATER TESTING

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The District has begun Phase 2 sampling of other water sources including sinks, custodial slop sinks, external hose bibs, etc. Sampling began at the elementary schools and was completed at OMS and HS as well. Results and updates will be provided as soon as possible. **PLEASE NOTE THAT FUTURE UPDATES REGARDING WATER TESTING WILL BE POSTED TO THE DISTRICT WEBSITE UNDER THE HEADING OF “SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELLNESS”.**

Website: December 23, 2016

Water Testing Update: District Website Posting