

# Thousand Islands Central School District

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During the recent New York State legislation session, a bill was passed mandating water testing in every school district in the state. With that in mind, the Thousand Islands Central School district has had all school buildings tested for lead in the water. This action was taken over the summer in advance of any legal requirements in order to determine building locations with lead levels that needed to be addressed prior to the upcoming school year.

The technical guidance for sampling was *The 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools; Training, Testing, Telling* written by the United State Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This document identifies typical locations for sampling for school districts.

The results of the testing revealed lead concentrations above the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirement of 15 ppb (part per billion) for water suppliers. While the district is not a water supplier, we are addressing any location that is above that level. In our case the water sources that are above the level seem to be older, less used sources.

The district, as an interim measure is utilizing a "flushing" program as described in the 3T's document. While this is a short-term solution, several older water units have been replaced and are now being resampled. We are currently waiting for those results, and as a precaution are still "flushing" those locations. These locations are not the same in every building but are typically utility sinks, rather than sinks used for consumption.

Below is the list of the buildings with the number of locations above the 15 ppb level. Again we have instituted a short-term flushing program while awaiting further sample results.

Guardino Elementary – 6 Cape Vincent Elementary – 4 Middle School /High School – 1