

February 19, 2016

Dear School District Leader,

I am sure that you are aware of the local and regional media coverage recently regarding the lead levels in some drinking water samples at the Caroline and Enfield elementary schools in the Ithaca City School District (ICSD).

The Tompkins County Health Department is working closely with the ICSD to review the testing results and to guide the District in taking appropriate actions. Our community health nurses have also provided education and guidance to concerned parents and they have been in contact with local providers and pediatricians about the situation.

This issue may have prompted interest in your school district on testing the drinking water systems at your schools and related health concerns. Please contact the Tompkins County Health Department at 607-274-6688 or TCEH@tompkins-co.org with your questions and concerns.

We also suggest school districts consult the EPA guidance *3 Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools*. Attached is a PDF copy.

The Tompkins County Health Department is available if you have concerns about testing your drinking water or health concerns related to lead. Please feel free to contact us and we will work together to create a plan of action to address those concerns.

Thank you,

Frank Kruppa

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