

## Spencerport finds lead in 8% of school samples

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All Rochester-area schools are commissioning tests for lead in their drinking water sources this spring. Spencerport is the most recent district to report its findings.

Out of 448 samples taken in eight buildings, 36 of them (8 percent) showed elevated levels of lead.

» Bernabi – 1 device (sink faucet in classroom)

» Canal View – 0 devices » Munn – 16 devices (1 hallway fountain, 8 classroom bubblers, 7 sink faucets) » Taylor - 15 devices (5 classroom bubblers, 10 sink faucets)

» Cosgrove – 0 devices » High School – 3 devices (1 hallway fountain, 2 sink faucets)

» District Office–1 device (classroom fountain)

» Transportation building – 0 devices Of those 36 devices, 29 had readings between 15 and 45 parts per billion.

All 36 of those devices were taken off line, according to the district. It will next do a second flushing to determine the source of the lead.

Schools are not required to test water inside their buildings for lead, but they have begun to do so after the crisis in Flint, Michigan, as well as reports of elevated lead levels in some Southern Tier schools.

Water is tested at its source, but can pick up lead as it passes through deteriorating infrastructure. The federal safety threshold is 15 parts per billion.

The state and Monroe County health departments do not think the school drinking water is a significant source of lead, especially compared to the risk of lead in paint.