

## Education Center

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

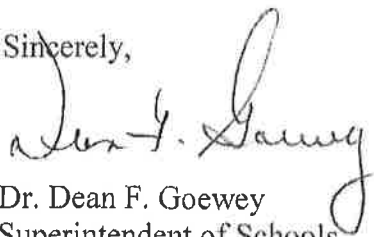
As you are aware, in recent weeks, schools in New York and other parts of the country have been found to have high levels of lead in their drinking water. In light of this, the Oswego City School District has decided to undergo voluntary testing of drinking water in its public school buildings. The testing is being done in collaboration with the other districts in our county.

The use of materials containing lead have been banned in most plumbing components for new construction since 1986, but many older buildings may still contain substance and there are no state or federal requirements for public schools to test water for the presence of lead.

Because of this, I believe this is something community members may be concerned about. As a result, I felt we should be proactive in this matter by voluntarily testing our drinking water. We will utilize guidance documents from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conducting these water quality tests.

I am currently working with Superintendents from the other participating districts as well as County Health officials and my Administrative team to determine the process and to finalize the details of the plan. I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of CiTi (Oswego BOCES) for completing the competitive bid process for all the county schools. The combined purchasing power will make the unplanned testing more fiscally acceptable.

Sincerely,

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