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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

On September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed new legislation requiring the testing of drinking water in New York Schools for lead levels. As a result of this legislation, we contacted the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Safety Office and requested testing of applicable water fixtures for lead. The Safety Office is providing a full, comprehensive report of the sampling program, which includes a building survey of source locations, sampling, reporting, and follow-up assistance.

There were 97 water fixtures (drinking fountains, sinks, mop sinks, etc.) tested at the Francis Bellamy Elementary building on 4/20/2021. Of the 97 samples **0** showed lead levels at or above the allowable 15 ppb (parts per billion).

Sincerely,

Alex Rodriguez  
Director of Facilities III

## **Additional Resources**

**For more information regarding the testing program or sampling results**, contact Alex Rodriguez, Director of Facilities III at 315-334-7270, or go to our school website: <https://romecsd.org/>

**For information about lead in school drinking water, go to:**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead\\_testing\\_of\\_school\\_drinking\\_water.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead_testing_of_school_drinking_water.htm)

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/LeadTestinginSchoolDrinkingWater.html>

**For information about NYS Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention, go to:**

<http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/>

**For more information on blood lead testing and ways to reduce your child's risk of exposure to lead, see "What Your Child's Blood Lead Test Means":**

<http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2526/> (available in ten languages).