

Daily Water Flushing Follows EPA-Approved Guidelines

Western Suffolk BOCES' commitment to the health and well-being of our students and staff is unwavering. In light of recent events in Michigan, we are following potable water system guidelines approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Even before New York State legislation was adopted in late June, we began daily flushing procedures and the task of mapping water systems and establishing plumbing profiles in each of our buildings.

Every morning at each of our school buildings, the Head Custodian flushes the water system with the EPA approved procedures. Flushed daily are:

- water fountains
- kitchen sinks
- classroom combination sinks and drinking fountains
- teachers' lounge sink
- ice machines
- classroom sinks in special education buildings
- any sink known to be or visibly used for consumption (for example, coffee maker with cups nearby)

Additionally, we adhere to the following specific schedule approved by the EPA:

- Water fountains without a cooling system are flushed for 30 seconds;
- Water fountains with a cooling system, 15 minutes;
- Kitchen faucets (cold water), 30 seconds.

Additionally, all toilets are flushed daily, starting with the toilet furthest away from where the water enters the building. Once we determine the means to do so, ice machines will be flushed for 30 seconds at the start of the day.

A daily log is kept a daily log documenting each fixture has been flushed for the time specified. The log will be signed and submitted to the Maintenance & Operations Office and filed electronically.