



ZURN ELKAY WATER SOLUTIONS

EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

After reviewing the needs at Ramapo High School, the Zurn Elkay team contacted district officials with an offer to donate products that deliver safer, cleaner drinking water.

OUR DONATION

- 17 Elkay ezH2O Filtered Bottle Filling Stations
- 3 Elkay ezH2O Filtered Bottle Filling Stations/Drinking Fountains
- 1 year's worth of Elkay WaterSentry Replacement Filters

ABOUT OUR DONATION

State-mandated testing of East Ramapo Central School District (ERCSD) water fountains and faucets in 2016 showed unacceptable levels of lead, leading the Rockland County, NY, district to shut off many of the district's drinking water fixtures in favor of bottled-water delivery services. The solution was meant to be temporary.

"Lead contamination in school drinking water can be devastating to children, with even low levels of lead exposure causing learning disabilities, health concerns and behavioral issues," said Angela Hersil, VP - corporate communications, sustainability and public affairs. "We know that our filtered bottle filling stations are an immediate solution to the nation's infrastructure issues. That is why we donate our filtered bottle filling stations to schools in need, where lead levels are high and resources are low."

Valued at over \$85,000, the donated equipment was installed over the summer break by the district's facilities team.

With a plan to address the needs of the district's largest school, Ramapo school leaders turned to Zurn Elkay and the district's architects to draw up a strategy to retrofit and replace another 60 unfiltered drinking fountains in the district's other 13 school facilities, using federal funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The project yielded critical improvements for both school operations and student health. Each of ERCSD's total 80 units uses the same Elkay 2,250-gallon filter cartridge, tested and certified to NSF/ANSI 42, 401 and 53 to reduce lead, microplastics and other harmful contaminants, including PFOA and PFOS, the two most prevalent forms of PFAS.

When the bells rang to begin ERCSD's 2024-25 school year, 10,700 students, 1,600 staff and visiting community members were met with continuous access to cleaner, safer and healthier water at any and all of ERCSD's 14 school facilities.



"Our partnership with Zurn Elkay Water Solutions enables us to provide students with clean, safe water, a vital resource that supports both their well-being and academic success. Zurn Elkay's commitment to the East Ramapo community is greatly valued as we prioritize the health and achievements of the students we serve."

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