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To the Students, Families, and Staff of **Williamstown Elementary School**:

On **February 17, 2018**, samples were collected from all taps and fixtures used for drinking, cooking and medical uses at **Williamstown Elementary School**. Samples were taken at each tap or fixture for both a first draw sample with the water standing in the tap overnight as well as a flushed sample after the tap was run. For information on sample collection procedures for school samples please see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/how-to-collect-a-drinking-water-sample-for-lead-and-copper.html>

We are pleased to report that all samples taken from our taps and fixtures had lead and copper levels below the Massachusetts Action Levels for lead and copper in drinking water.

The Massachusetts Action Level for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (also known as parts per million). The Massachusetts Action Level for copper in drinking water is 1.3 milligrams per liter (also known as parts per million).

For MassDEP information on lead and copper in drinking water see:

Lead: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/lead-in-drinking-water.html>

Copper: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/drinking/alpha/a-thru-h/copperfs.pdf>

For Massachusetts Department of Public Health information on Lead and Copper see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/environmental-health/exposure-topics/lead/child-health/sources-of-lead-besides-lead-paint.html>.

A Reminder: The water system at the school is not unlike water systems found in other buildings. Older plumbing systems and fixtures, especially, can contain lead pipes or solder that can allow lead to enter tap water. Plumbing systems also contain copper. If you have questions about lead or copper in your home's water supply, and are using a private well, you can have your water tested. If you are receiving water from a public water system (i.e., if you pay a water bill) you can call your local water department for information or check the Consumer Confidence Report sent out by the public water supplier annually.

If you have any questions on this information please contact James O'Brien at 413-458-5707.

Sincerely,

Joelle Brookner
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