Dear Hidden River Middle School staff and families,

We are pleased to inform you that the post-remediation lead testing conducted by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) at Hidden River Middle School has yielded favorable results. Specifically, lead levels in the three water fixtures that previously tested above five ppb have now been reduced to three ppb or less. Consequently, these fixtures have been deemed safe for use once again, both for drinking and food preparation purposes.

As a reminder, in September, we communicated that school drinking water must undergo testing for lead every five years in buildings constructed before 2016, as mandated by law (RCW 43.70.830 and RCW 28A.210.410). The DOH conducted sampling at Hidden River Middle School, testing 58 water fixtures accessible to students, where the use of water for drinking or food preparation is reasonably foreseeable.

Upon analysis, three water samples revealed lead levels above five ppb. As a result, the affected water fixtures were promptly shut off and replaced. Following this remediation, the DOH conducted a retest, and the results confirmed the success of our efforts in reducing lead levels.

For your convenience, the most recent lead test results are accessible at the district office and on our website. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding water quality in our schools, please feel free to reach out to Adam Denney, MSD Director of Facilities, at denneya@monroe.wednet.edu or (360) 804-2679.