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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that the **Pollard Elementary School** recently completed testing for lead in drinking water. This is part of an ongoing effort related to New Hampshire's House Bill 1421, which requires school and child care facilities to test for lead in drinking water and to act when lead is found at levels at or above 5 parts per billion (ppb).

Lead is a toxic heavy metal that has a range of adverse health effects if inhaled or swallowed. Lead typically enters drinking water due to the wearing away of piping, faucets, fixtures and other plumbing materials. Lead rarely occurs naturally in New Hampshire's drinking water sources (groundwater or surface water).

Because lead is tasteless, odorless and colorless in drinking water, testing is a way to learn whether lead is present. It is important to sample each faucet or water fountain that is used for drinking or food prep because test results can vary between locations.

During recent testing, we collected samples from **17** drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with **4** samples testing at or above 5 ppb, the level where action must be taken

We have removed access to these outlets until the problem can be corrected. The table below shows a list of all of the tested outlets, their locations, sample results and our planned remediation.

All sample results and additional resources from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) can be viewed at gettheleadoutnh.org.

Sincerely,



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Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
1	301 Bathroom Inside Classroom	6.8	Permanently Posted Non-Potable/ Hand Wash Only
5	Back Wall in Kitchen	1.4	No Remediation Necessary
10	Bathroom in Café	2.0	No Remediation Necessary
13	Bubbler 1 st Floor By Attic (1 st Grade)	<1	No Remediation Necessary
14	Bubbler 1 st Floor By Nurse	<1	No Remediation Necessary
18	Bubbler 2 nd Floor By Elevator	<1	No Remediation Necessary
25	Bubbler Near 502	<1	No Remediation Necessary
27	Café Sink Near Bubbler	<1	No Remediation Necessary
71	Girls Bathroom Near Room 404	31.2	Permanently Posted Non-Potable/ Hand Wash Only
72	Gym Boys Gang Bathroom	<1	No Remediation Necessary
73	Gym Girls Gang Bathroom	1.5	No Remediation Necessary
80	Handwash Sink Near Dishwasher Kitchen	5.1	Permanently Posted Non-Potable/ Hand Wash Only
81	Handwash Sink Near Entrance to Kitchen	<1	No Remediation Necessary
82	Left Bubbler in Gym	<1	No Remediation Necessary
83	Left Sink Near Handwash In Kitchen	<1	No Remediation Necessary
88	Right Sink Near Handwash in Kitchen	<1	No Remediation Necessary
92	Teachers Lounge 203	6.4	Permanently Posted Non-Potable/ Hand Wash Only