

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that the Sandown Central 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 19 drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with 8 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](http://gettheleadoutnh.org).

Sincerely,



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| <b>Outlet Number</b> | <b>Location</b>                          | <b>Sample Result (ppb)</b> | <b>Planned Remediation</b>                      |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| 2                    | 300 Hall Boys Bath Near Room 337 Left    | 3.8                        | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 3                    | 300 Hall Boys Bath Near 337 Right        | 5.1                        | Permanently Post Non-Potable/<br>Hand-Wash Only |
| 4                    | 300 Hall Bubbler Near Room 337           | <1                         | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 5                    | 300 Hall Girls Bath Near Room 337 Left   | 6.0                        | Permanently Post Non-Potable/<br>Hand-Wash Only |
| 6                    | 300 Hall Girls Bath Near Room 337 Right  | <1                         | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 7                    | 309 Nurses Bathroom                      | 10.3                       | Permanently Post Non-Potable/<br>Hand-Wash Only |
| 8                    | 310 Teachers Break Room                  | 3.9                        | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 19                   | Bathroom Near 313                        | 9.3                        | Permanently Post Non-Potable/<br>Hand-Wash Only |
| 29                   | Gang Bath By Boiler Rm                   | 3.7                        | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 31                   | Hall Adult Bathroom Near 321             | 3.1                        | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 32                   | Hall Bubbler Near 319 Bathroom           | <1                         | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 33                   | Hall Bubbler Near Custodial Storage/ Gym | <1                         | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 34                   | Kitchen L/R #1 3 Bay Left                | 6.2                        | Permanently Post Non-Potable/<br>Hand-Wash Only |
| 35                   | Kitchen L/R #2 3 Bay Right               | 9.9                        | Permanently Post Non-Potable/<br>Hand-Wash Only |
| 36                   | Kitchen L/R #3 Hand Sink                 | 83.2                       | Permanently Post Non-Potable/<br>Hand-Wash Only |
| 37                   | Men's Bathroom Near Gym                  | <1                         | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 41                   | Women's Bathroom Near Gym                | 1.2                        | No Remediation Necessary                        |
| 42                   | Teachers' Lounge w/ Copiers              | 60.4                       | Permanently Post Non-Potable/<br>Hand-Wash Only |

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| <b>43</b>            | Adult Bath Near Boiler Room | 3.1                        | No Remediation Necessary   |