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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that the Sandown North 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 26 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.

Sincerely,



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Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
10	Custodial Closet A Wing	3.5	No Remediation Necessary
36	Kitchen Hand Sink By Prep	1.0	No Remediation Necessary
37	Kitchen Prep Sink	29.0	Permanently Post Non-Potable/ Hand-Wash Only
38	Kitchen RR 152	7.8	Permanently Post Non-Potable/ Hand-Wash Only
39	Kitchen Dish	2.7	No Remediation Necessary
40	Kitchen Hand Sink By Dish	23.9	Permanently Post Non-Potable/ Hand-Wash Only
41	Kitchen Dishwashing Sink w/ Sprayer	34.1	Permanently Post Non-Potable/ Hand-Wash Only
42	Kitchen Dish Sink Right	84.9	Permanently Post Non-Potable/ Hand-Wash Only
43	Kitchen Dish Sink Left	16.5	Permanently Post Non-Potable/ Hand-Wash Only
56	Art Rm Left CR Sink	<1	No Remediation Necessary
3	106/108 Bath/ Btwn Classrooms	1.4	No Remediation Necessary
4	108 Classroom	<1	No Remediation Necessary
8	110 Classroom	1.5	No Remediation Necessary
16	Hall Girls Gang Bath/ Front Office (Left)	3.9	No Remediation Necessary
17	Hall Girls Gang Bath/ Front Office (Mid)	3.4	No Remediation Necessary
18	Hall Girls Gang Bath/ Front Office (Right)	<1	No Remediation Necessary
19	Hall Bubbler/ Btwn Gang Baths/ Front Office	<1	No Remediation Necessary
21	Hall Boys Gang Bath/ Front Office (Left)	2.2	No Remediation Necessary

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22	Hall Boys Gang Bath/ Front Office (Mid)	6.8	Permanently Post Non-Potable/ Hand-Wash Only
24	Hall Boys Gang Bath/ Front Office (Right)	5.0	Permanently Post Non-Potable/ Hand-Wash Only
25	Gym Restroom Near 132	4.1	No Remediation Necessary
26	Gym Restroom Near 130	1.2	No Remediation Necessary
35	Hall Bath Near Room 155	<1	No Remediation Necessary
52	Water Bubbler Btwn 155/159	<1	No Remediation Necessary
58	Bubbler By Room 105/107	<1	No Remediation Necessary
60	Gym Bubbler	<1	No Remediation Necessary