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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that on June 9th, we completed testing for lead in drinking water at WLC. This is part of an ongoing effort related to New Hampshire state law RSA 485:17-a, 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 rarely occurs naturally in New Hampshire's drinking water sources (groundwater or surface water) and typically enters drinking water due to the wearing away of piping, faucets, fixtures and other plumbing materials. Because lead is tasteless, odorless and colorless in drinking water, testing is the only 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.

Testing samples were collected from 32 water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), and we were informed on June 21st that 13 outlets tested at or above 5 ppb, the level where we must remediate and take action.

As a short-term measure, we have removed access to locations where sample results are at or above 5 ppb. We have also placed signage at these locations indicating that the outlet is not to be used for drinking. Looking ahead, we will work with the Department of Environmental Services to address this issue. Some of our options include using a filter certified to remove lead, retesting, replacing a fixture or plumbing, or permanently removing the water outlet from service.

The table below shows a list of all the tested outlets, their locations, sample results and our planned remediation. Please note that classroom faucets are not used for drinking and the single drinking faucet in the high school B-wing has not been in use this school year.

Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
26955-1	MS – 106A-106B drinking fountain	Below reporting limits (BRL)	N/A
26955-2	MS – 108 classroom faucet	54.6	Removed access/signage
26955-3	MS – 108 classroom faucet	51.2	Removed access/signage

26955-4	MS – 104 classroom faucet	BRL	N/A
26955-5	MS – 102 classroom faucet	BRL	N/A
26955-6	MS – 101 classroom faucet	BRL	N/A
26955-7	MS – 103 classroom faucet	37.5	Removed access/signage
26955-8	MS – 105 classroom faucet	2.7	N/A
26955-9	MS – 115C bathroom faucet	BRL	N/A
26955-10	MS– 210 classroom faucet	1.7	N/A
26955-11	MS – 208 classroom faucet	7.1	Removed access/signage
26955-12	MS – 204 classroom faucet	5	Removed access/signage
26955-13	MS – 202 classroom faucet	1.2	N/A
26955-14	MS – 201 classroom faucet	30.4	Removed access/signage
26955-15	MS – 201 classroom faucet	77.8	Removed access/signage
26955-16	MS – 203 classroom faucet	6.6	Removed access/signage
26955-17	MS – 206A/206B drinking fountain	BRL	N/A
23070-1	HS – 171 kitchen faucet	1.2	N/A
23070-2	HS – 171 kitchen faucet	2.8	N/A
23070-3	HS -159 kitchen faucet	BRL	N/A
23070-4	HS – 159 kitchen faucet	1.3	N/A
23070-5	HS – 151 classroom faucet	10	Removed access/signage
23070-6	HS – 150 classroom faucet	7.3	Removed access/signage
23070-7	HS – 131 classroom faucet	6.6	Removed access/signage

23070-8	HS – B-wing drinking faucet	5.6	Removed access/signage
23070-9	HS – 126 nurse's sink	1.1	N/A
23070-10	HS – 127 kitchen faucet	1.6	N/A
23070-11	HS – 123 classroom faucet	501	Removed access/signage
23070-12	HS – 155 drinking fountain	BRL	N/A
23070-13	HS – 153 drinking fountain	2.3	N/A
23070-14	HS – main hall drinking fountain	BRL	N/A
23070-15	HS – custodian sink	3.8	N/A

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

Sincerely,

Peter Weaver

Scan the QR Code for information and resources for parents on the health effects of lead exposure.



Or visit the <u>NH Department of Health and</u> <u>Human Services webpage</u> learn more.