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St. Charles School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that St. Charles 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 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.

During recent testing, we collected samples from 11 drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with 1 sample testing at or above 5 ppb, the level where action must be taken. This faucet is located in the kitchen and is one that is usually never used for cooking or drinking but was tested due to its location. We have removed access to this outlet until the problem can be corrected.

On the reverse side of this letter is a table showing a list of all tested outlets, their locations, sample results and any planned remediation.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sr. Mary Agnes Dombroski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sr. Mary Agnes Dombroski, DMML, MBA
Executive Director



Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
1	Elementary Kitchen	<0.001	N/A
2	Elementary Student Bathroom	0.0010	N/A
3	Pantry Quench Filtered Water Cooler	<0.001	N/A
4	Kitchen Dishwashing Sinks	<0.001	N/A
5	Kitchen Dishwasher Sprayer	0.055	Retest, determine if lead is present in fixture or pipes, replace cause of lead in water
6	Kitchen Prep Sink	<0.001	N/A
7	Kitchen Handwash Sink	0.0030	N/A
8	Employee Breakroom	<0.001	N/A
9	Cafeteria/Media Room	<0.001	N/A
10	Middle School Classroom Student Bathroom	<0.001	N/A
11	Primary Student Bathroom	<0.001	N/A