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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that Paul 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 childcare 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 41 drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with 22 samples testing at or above 5 ppb, the level where action must be taken.

The table below shows a list of these 22 tested outlets, their locations and sample results. As we work on the remediation plan, each affected faucet has been properly labeled as to if/how it can be used. We are looking into a strong filtration system and consulting with our plumbing vendor as to what steps to take.

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

Sincerely,



Anne L. Kebler
Superintendent of Schools
SAU 101 ~ Wakefield School District

Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)
22110-8	Class 402	21.2
22110-9	Class 401	10.7
22110-10	Class 400	9.8
22110-11	Restroom 1	5.1
22110-14	Nurse	6.4
22110-17	Main Bathroom (Boys)	20.2
22110-18	Main Bathroom (Girls)	11.8
22110-19	Class 113	6.1
22110-20	Class 112	7.9
22110-24	Staff Bathroom	11.8
22110-25	Class 108	13.4
22110-26	Class 108	14.1
22110-27	Class 107	15.1
22110-28	Class 106	11.1
22110-29	Class 106	10.3
22110-30	Class 105	9.1
22110-31	Class 104	15.6
22110-32	Class 104	39.5
22110-33	Class 103	6.6
22110-34	Class 102	10.6
22110-35	Class 101	12.4
22110-40	SAU Bathroom	7.7