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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that Sunapee Middle High 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). It 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 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 9 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 chart below shows a list of all of the tested outlets, their locations, sample results, and our planned remediation. If the result column shows 'BRL' (below reporting limit), no lead was detected above the laboratory's reporting limit.

R126965-1- M/H Kitchen	Kitchen Faucet	20
R126965-2- Inside Boys LR	Bathroom Faucet	2.4
R126965-3- Inside Boys LR	Bathroom Faucet	3
R126965-4- Music Room (Outside it)	Drinking Fountain	BRL
R126965-5- Outside Custodian Closet Left Side	Drinking Fountain	BRL
R126965-6- Outside Custodian Closet Right Side	Drinking Fountain	BRL
R126965-7- Home Ec/ Closer to Fire Blanket	Kitchen Faucet	20
R126965-8- Station 3 Sink (Orange)	Kitchen Faucet	12
R126965-9- Station 2 Sink (Green)	Kitchen Faucet	13
R126965-10- Station 1 Sink (Red)	Kitchen Faucet	5.6
R126965-11- M/H School Kitchen	Kitchen Faucet	5.5
R126965-12- MH School Kitchen	Kitchen Faucet	9.6
R126965-13- M/H School Kitchen	Kitchen Faucet	7.4
R126965-14- Outside Kitchen	Drinking Fountain	BRL



R126965-15- Common Area/ Lobby	Drinking Fountain	BRL
R126965-16- Girls Bathroom	Bathroom Faucet	BRL
R126965-17- Girls Bathroom	Bathroom Faucet	BRL
R126965-18- Water Fountain Near Gym	Drinking Fountain	BRL
R126965-19- Water Fountain Near Gym	Drinking Fountain	BRL

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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