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To the Students, Families, and Staff of North Attleborough:

Re: Re-testing for Lead and Copper

The North Attleborough School Department has completed the re-testing of fixtures that did not originally pass the Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) minimum action levels. Minimum levels being 1.3 milligrams per liter for copper, and 0.015 milligrams per liter for lead. Good news, the results are back and we were found to be in compliance within the DEP's guidelines.

The State has funded \$2,750,000 for the sampling and testing of the school systems in the State for lead and copper. North Attleborough voluntarily conducted this LCCA (Lead Copper Contamination Act) program testing and has tested over 322 fixtures for lead and copper, and then re-tested another 14 after they were found to have elevated levels at fixtures that had not been regularly used.

The administration takes these results very seriously and moved immediately to safeguard the health of the students, faculty and staff. The following information describes steps we have taken to address the issue of lead in the water.

To safeguard our students and other sensitive individuals (including women who are pregnant or nursing), our school is working closely and cooperatively with Mass DEP and taking actions as follows:

What we have been doing:

1. We have developed a sampling plan to conduct testing at tap outlets (faucets, water fountains, etc.) where students and staff get water for drinking, beverage preparation and cooking.
2. We have removed from service and or replaced a few taps with lead levels over the action level, and have created a flushing regiment for some of the fixtures as well.
3. We have implemented a public information process that distributed outreach material to all students, parents, teachers, staff and local officials.
4. We have, through periodic reports, kept you informed as to the progress of our efforts. These reports will serve to let you know what has been done and what is being done to safeguard against lead exposure from drinking water at our schools.
5. We have conducted follow-up sampling to determine if the source of the contamination is the fixture or the connecting plumbing, and all samples have come back below the DEP action levels.
6. We will contact the North Attleboro Water Department as well as the Mass DEP to make them aware of the results and our plans of remediation of taps due to the exceedance of action levels.

Below are the areas that tested high per the Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) minimum action levels for copper, 1.3 milligrams per liter, and for lead, 0.015 milligrams per liter.

(We have added the re-testing dates, results, and actions taken by the District in red.)

Sampling Results Amvet Boulevard Elementary School		
Date Sample Collected	Location	Lead result in mg/L
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen 2-Bay Sink (Dish Washer Room) Replaced faucet Daily flushing Log	0.001 Lead/Below DEP Action Level 0.04 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Sampling Results Community Elementary School		
Date Sample Collected	Location	Lead result in mg/L
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen Dishwasher Room Replaced faucets Daily flushing Log	No Lead Detected 0.05 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen Three Bay Sink Replaced faucets Daily flushing Log	No Lead Detected 0.05 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Sampling Results Falls Elementary School		
Date Sample Collected	Location	Lead result in mg/L
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Classroom #200 Replaced faucet	0.001 Lead/Below DEP Action Level 0.02 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Sampling Results Joseph W. Martin Elementary School		
Date Sample Collected	Location	Lead result in mg/L
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Classroom #12 Faucet Replaced faucet	No Lead Detected 0.01 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Staff Room Main Office Replaced faucet	No Lead Detected 0.01 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Classroom #12 Bubbler (Removed Bubbler)	No Lead Detected 0.01 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Sampling Results Roosevelt Avenue Elementary School		
Date Sample Collected	Location	Lead result in mg/L
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen 2-Bay Sink (Side Wall Right Faucet) Replaced faucets Daily flushing Log	No Lead Detected 0.05 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen 2-Bay Sink (Side Wall Left Faucet) Replaced faucets Daily flushing Log	0.002 Lead/Below DEP Action Level 0.05 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen Kettle Removed from Service	
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Classroom #6 Replaced faucet	No Lead Detected 0.05 Copper/Below DEP Action Level

Sampling Results North Attleborough Middle School		
Date Sample Collected	Location	Lead result in mg/L
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen 3-Bay Sink (Rear wall Left Side Faucet) Replaced faucets Daily flushing Log	0.001 Lead/Below DEP Action Level 0.04 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Water Cooler (Main Level Right Hallway 2 nd on Left) Daily flushing Log	0.001 Lead/Below DEP Action Level 0.05 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Sampling Results North Attleborough High School		
Date Sample Collected	Location	Lead result in mg/L
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen 3-Bay Right Wall (Right Faucet) Replaced faucets Daily flushing Log	No Lead Detected 0.04 Copper/Below DEP Action Level
Re-Sample 12-5-16	Kitchen Outside Silcock	No Lead Detected 0.04 Copper/Below DEP Action Level

A Reminder: The water system at the school is not unlike water systems found in other buildings. Older plumbing systems and fixtures, especially, can contain lead pipes or solder that can allow lead to enter tap water. If you have questions about lead in your home's water supply, and are using a private well, you can have your water tested. If you are receiving water from a public water system (i.e., if you pay a water bill) you can call your local water department for information or check the Consumer Confidence Report sent out by the public water supplier annually.

If you have any questions on this information please contact me, Kyle Kummer, at 508-643-2100 ext. 207.

Sincerely,



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