

February 17, 2025

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 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 16 drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with 3 samples testing at or above 5 ppb, the level where action must be taken. These faucets are in the elementary basement bathroom and primary basement bathroom and have been designated for hand washing only at this time.

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,

Mr. Thomas Hayward
Executive Director/ Principal

Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
1	Elementary Basement Bathroom Sink #1	0.0024	N/A
2	Elementary Basement Bathroom Sink #2	0.011	Marked as 'Hand Wash Only" Replace Faucet Retest
3	Elementary Basement Tub/Shower Stall Sink	0.0062	Marked as 'Hand Wash Only" Replace Faucet Retest
4	Elementary Kitchen	<0.0011	N/A
5	Elementary Staff Bathroom Sink	0.0011	N/A
6	Elementary Classroom Student Bathroom	0.0018	N/A
7	Hallway Bathroom	<0.001	N/A
8	Pantry Water Filtration System	<0.001	N/A
9	Kitchen Handwash Sink	<0.001	N/A
10	Kitchen Food Prep Sink	0.0015	N/A
11	Kitchen 2 Bay Sink	<0.001	N/A
12	Staff Breakroom Sink	<0.0012	N/A
13	Primary Bathroom Faucet Sink #1	0.012	Marked as 'Hand Wash Only" Replace Faucet Retest
14	Primary Bathroom Faucet Sink #2	<0.001	N/A
15	Middle School Student Bathroom	<0.001	N/A
16	Middle School Music Room Bathroom	<0.001	N/A