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To: RSU1 Parents, Guardians, & Staff Members

During the 2021-2022 academic year, our school will test our drinking water fixtures for lead in accordance with a new Maine law. All fixtures in our school that are used for drinking or preparing food will be tested and results will be shared with parents, students, and staff.

Testing for lead will help us create a safer environment for our students, as lead exposure can result in serious developmental health effects, particularly in younger children who are more sensitive to the effects of lead. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) both agree there is no known safe level of lead.

Lead typically enters drinking water from plumbing and/or water fixtures, which if they contain lead material, can dissolve into the building's water. Lead rarely is found in source water, such as from a well or water district.

If you have questions about testing in our schools, please contact David Richards at (207)443-6601.

To learn more about school lead testing in Maine, visit the Maine CDC Drinking Water Program website at: www.medwp.com/schools.html

Sincerely,


David R. Richards
Director of Facilities
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