

Regional School Unit #2

Dresden – Farmingdale – Hallowell – Monmouth – Richmond

Richard Amero, Jr., Interim Superintendent of Schools

7 Reed St., Hallowell, Maine 04347

Date 11/7/22

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope this letter finds you well. Per the Maine CDC Drinking Water Program RSU#2 has been testing our drinking water in all our schools. The purpose of this test is to determine if there is lead in any of our school's water. The CDC safe number for drinking water is 4 ppb or less. Anything higher than 4 ppb we are required to complete a retest or (confirmation) test to verify our original test.

We are currently in the process of retesting all our schools as some(**not all**)but some of our sinks and drinking fountains tested higher than the 4 ppb. As of this letter Dresden Elementary has completed the retesting process of sinks and water fountains that were above the 4 ppb. All those retested **passed**.

We do have two areas in Dresden along with some in other schools that have not been tested. Those areas will be tested once we have completed retesting all our schools in RSU#2.

Those areas that have not been tested will be labeled not for consumption until they are tested.

Sincerely,



Glen Reynolds
Director of Buildings and Grounds

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Matthew Gilbert, Superintendent of Schools

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Working to Make a Safer School

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.

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

If you have any questions about testing in our school, contact
Glen Reynolds at 207-622-6351.