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To the Students, Families and Staff of Dedham School,

Our school administration has recently learned that samples from some water taps (taken after water was left in the system for a minimum holding time of 6 hrs.), at our school had lead that failed the Environmental Protection Agency action levels. The administration takes these results seriously and is moving immediately to safeguard the health of students, faculty and staff. You should also note that these results are not uncommon and may well exist in your own home. The following information describes steps we are taking that can also be taken at home to address the issue of lead in the water. The water sample, which contained higher than allowed levels of lead, came from a sink which is not used by the children in the school. It is not used as a source of drinking water.

WHAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO:

1. Implement a public information process that includes distribution of the enclosed required material.
2. Submit an evaluation and treatment recommendation to the Drinking Water Program at the Maine Division of Health Engineering.
3. Provide certification that state approved treatment has been installed.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE ALREADY:

1. Are implementing a flushing and water usage plan to safeguard against lead exposure in school. This includes the daily flushing of water fountains and sinks and the limitation of water consumption to cold water faucets.
2. Contacted a water treatment company to conduct a follow up water testing so that a treatment plan can be developed, approved, and implemented.
3. Provided this public education information, including a brief paragraph on where lead is found in the drinking water.

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING:

1. The School Administration will develop and put into place a treatment plan as quickly as possible and will conduct follow up test that will characterize the corrosivity or aggressiveness of our water.
2. Through periodic reports, keep 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 at school.

A REMINDER: The water system at school is not unlike those found in area homes. Please read the enclosed material and consider having your own water tested.

Sincerely,
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