

**PUBLIC NOTICE: School Lead Water Sample Results (LD206-HP141)**

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Dear Veazie Community School Staff, Students and Parents,

As you were previously notified in October, Maine law requires schools to test all drinking water faucets that could be used for drinking or cooking purposes for the presence of lead. This law further requires that parents and staff are made aware of all sample results.

Any sites producing elevated levels of lead (exceeding 4 parts per billion, or ppb), are considered fixtures of concern. Sites producing levels of lead in excess of 15 ppb are considered very concerning.

Last fall, water samples were collected from 44 water fixtures at Veazie Community School. In addition to the required drinking and cooking fixtures, water samples were also *voluntarily* taken from hand washing and science laboratory fixtures. All of our drinking and cooking fixtures produced undetectable levels of lead, or levels of lead below the 4ppb threshold outlined in state law (LD206-HP141). We did, however, have three staff-used stations that required some mitigation. Those stations were:

- The small kitchen hand washing station (staff access only)
- The large kitchen hand washing station (staff access only)
- The large kitchen sink (staff access only)

As a result, a plumber was hired to change some of the fixtures as suggested by a consultant at Hayley Ward (Formerly CES, Inc.). After the fixtures were replaced, a second round of tests was taken from these three stations. In the most recent tests, the big kitchen sink passed (3.8 ppb), but the two kitchen hand washing stations very narrowly failed (4.2 ppb and 9.9ppb).

State law does *not* require mitigation of these findings, only communication. After consulting with various laboratories and contractors, the unanimous consensus is that further mitigation is not necessary as water from these stations are not used for drinking or cooking. We will, however, ensure that the stations remain labeled as to indicate that they are for hand washing only. It is also important to note that students do not have access to these stations.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,



Tim Tweedie  
Superintendent & Principal