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October 19, 2020

Brian Haas, School Superintendent  
Fowler School  
3 Tiger Drive Rear  
Maynard, MA 01754

Dear Superintendent Haas:

Thank you very much for your participation in the Town of Maynard and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Lead and Copper Sampling Program. We encourage you to use these results to enhance your Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA)<sup>1</sup> school or childcare facility program for evaluating lead and copper in your drinking water. For more information on the MassDEP LCCA program to assist schools and childcare facilities to evaluate and address lead and copper in drinking water please see the MassDEP contact information listed below.

The lead and copper levels in your school water samples for the period specified above are as follows:

Location	Result in milligrams per liter(mg/L)	Result is Above the Action Level	Result is At or Below the Action Level
Green Meadow– Bathroom	LEAD: 0.002 mg/L	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	COPPER: 0.029 mg/L	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Green Meadow– Kitchen	LEAD: <0.0010 mg/L	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	COPPER: 0.095mg/L<0.052	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/epalccapamphlet1989.pdf>

For schools, the **Action Level for Copper is 1.3 mg/l**. The Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)<sup>2</sup> for copper is 1.3 mg/l. The MassDEP **Action Level for Lead in school drinking water is 0.015 mg/l** and it is more stringent than the federal Lead Action Level. Because lead may pose serious health risks, the EPA and MassDEP also set a MCLG for lead of zero. Both EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agree that “there is no known safe level of lead in a child’s blood”<sup>3</sup>, therefore MassDEP, Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and Town of Maynard also recommend the following tips to keep any potential lead out of the water in your school:

- **Most importantly – Daily before the school is open, please flush all the taps and drinking water fountains at your school until after the water feels cold.** This good drinking water routine practice ensures the best water quality.
- Never use hot water from the faucet for drinking or cooking.
- Never boil water to remove lead. Boiling water for an extended time may make the lead more concentrated.

**If your results were above the lead or copper Action Level, follow the MassDEP guidance (including reporting all corrective actions to the MassDEP) in the document titled “Follow-up Steps for Schools or Childcare Facilities Based on Lead and Copper Sampling Results” located at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/follow-up-steps-for-schools-and-eccf-with-lead-and-copper-sampling-results-above-the-action>.**

For More Information:

MassDEP Lead and Copper in drinking water:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/is-there-lead-in-my-tap-water>

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/copper-and-your-health>

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/contaminants#lead->

MassDEP Drinking Water Program Contact: [program-director-dwp@state.ma.us](mailto:program-director-dwp@state.ma.us) and 617-292-5770

MDPH Lead and Copper in Drinking Water FAQ and Quick Facts:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/sources-of-lead-besides-lead-paint>

<https://www.mass.gov/media/1571266/>

<https://www.mass.gov/media/1571251/>

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/default.htm>.

USEPA: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

If you have any questions regarding lead or copper in drinking water or your sampling results, please contact: Justin DeMarco at 978-897-1317 or [jdemarco@townofmaynard.net](mailto:jdemarco@townofmaynard.net).

Sincerely,

*Justin DeMarco*

**Director of Public Works**

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<sup>2</sup>The Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. The Action Level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

<sup>3</sup><https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

☐ Copy of analytical report attached

cc: MassDEP Regional Office

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