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Bryan Lane – Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that Pittsfield Elementary School recently completed testing for lead in drinking water. This is part of an ongoing effort related to New Hampshire state law RSA 485:17-a, which requires school and child care facilities to test for lead in drinking water and to act when lead is found at levels at or above 5 parts per billion (ppb).

Lead is a toxic heavy metal that has a range of adverse health effects if inhaled or swallowed. Lead rarely occurs naturally in New Hampshire’s drinking water sources (groundwater or surface water) and typically enters drinking water due to the wearing away of piping, faucets, fixtures and other plumbing materials.

Because lead is tasteless, odorless and colorless in drinking water, testing is the only way to learn whether lead is present. It is important to sample each faucet or water fountain that is used for drinking or food prep because test results can vary between locations.

During recent testing, we collected samples from 47 water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with 1 sample testing at or above 5 ppb, the level where action must be taken. **This location has never been used for consumption of water or used in any food preparation and is marked as hand wash only. It is only accessible to and used by kitchen staff.** The remediation plan has been reported to and approved by the Get the Lead Out team at the NHDES.

The table below shows a list of all the tested outlets, their locations, sample results and our planned remediation.

Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
26595-23	Kitchen	7.21	Remain marked “not for consumption, hand wash only”

All sample results and additional resources from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) can be viewed at gettheleadoutnh.org.

Sincerely,

Bryan Lane

Scan the QR Code for information and resources for parents on the health effects of lead exposure.



Or visit the [NH Department of Health and Human Services webpage](#) learn more.

