



New Boston Central School

"A Special Place to Learn and Grow"

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Dear New Boston Families,

I am writing to let you know that New Boston Central School 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 childcare 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.

After remediation of previous findings, additional testing was completed. We are pleased to let you know that none of the results showed lead levels above 5ppb, the level where action must be taken.

Some best practices to keep lead levels low include:

- "Flushing" water, when possible to allow drinking water that has been stagnant to move through the pipes.
- Using cold water for drinking and cooking. Hot water may increase the amount of lead transferred from pipes to faucets, and boiling water does not remove lead.
- Discourage drinking water from fixtures not intended for potable use (e.g., lab faucets, hoses, spigots, handwashing sinks).

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

Sincerely,
John Bridle
Principal

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](https://www.nh.gov/health/human-services) learn more.