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March 17, 2017

Dear South Kingstown Inclusionary Pre-School and Faculty/Staff,

In 2016, the Rhode Island General Assembly passed a law requiring the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) to test drinking water in schools for lead. Our school voluntarily submitted three drinking water samples. All water samples were tested by a state-certified lab. We are working with the Rhode Island Department of Health and the University of Rhode Island School Drinking Water Lead Project.

The RI Department of Health states the most common causes of a child becoming sick from lead is from exposure to lead-based paint and paint dust found in a home environment. It is much less likely for a child to become sick from exposure to water in a school environment from a faucet or a water fountain. The data we have collected from water samples in our school helps us to keep our children as safe as possible by working with RIDOH to follow the recommended guidance.

Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from SKIP:

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)	What We Are Doing? Immediate Action
SKIP nurses office sink faucet	11	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
SKIP sink faucet room 215	3.6	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators
SKIP room 9 teacher lounge	18	Replace faucet aerators, replace the faucet & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.

What Do The Test Results Mean?

- Any sample that had a result of higher than 15 ppb is above the "action level" of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Our school is following advice from the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) to help fix this.
- Any sample that had a result between 1 and 15 ppb is below the "action level" of the EPA. There are still things we can do to help get rid of lead in the drinking water. We are following RIDOH's advice.
- Any sample that had a result of less than 1 ppb is below the "detection level" for lead. We are following RIDOH's advice to help keep lead out of the drinking water at the school.

We will request that RIDOH/URI retest the water after these immediate actions have taken place. If levels remain higher than 15ppb we will look beyond the faucets to the pipes and will take immediate corrective action, if needed.

In any area where results are higher than 15ppb, please know that the water is being shut off immediately and bottled water is being brought in. At SKIP that is only in the teacher lounge where there is already bottled water available.

The water will only be turned back on in that area when the water quality tests show below 15ppb.

It is important to note that although the drinking fountain level is below the action level of the EPA we are taking immediate action on those areas as well to ensure that the water consumption sites in our school are at the highest level of water quality.

I want to re-assure you that this initial test, while concerning, should not be a cause for alarm or panic. We (as well as all RI School Districts) are partnering with the RI Department of Health and URI. We have learned that short term remediation efforts such as immediate cleaning, replacing aerators on faucets and flushing pipes generally results in immediate lower levels on subsequent tests.

In addition, we plan to partner with the Suez Water Company that supplies the water to the school and they have assured me they will work with us to address any concerns.

The Suez Water Company supplies water to all South Kingstown Schools (with the exception of West Kingston). I have spoken directly to the Suez General Manager. The Suez public water supply company has assured me that the public water supply is not at issue here. The Rhode Island Department of Health tests the public water supply every 3 years and the latest reports have been good.

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Dear Matunuck School Parents/Guardians and Faculty/Staff,

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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from Matunuck Elementary School:

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)	What We Are Doing? Immediate Action
MES nurses office sink faucet	8.1	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
MES cafeteria water fountain	3.1	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators
MES kitchen sink faucet	98	Replace faucet aerators, replace the faucet & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.

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- Any sample that had a result of less than 1 ppb is below the "detection level" for lead. We are following RIDOH's advice to help keep lead out of the drinking water at the school.

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The water will only be turned back on in that area when the water quality tests show below 15ppb.

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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from Peace Dale Elementary School:

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)	What We Are Doing? Immediate Action
PDES Nurse sink faucet	1.3	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
PDES hallway (outside room 4) water fountain	1.6	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators
PDES kitchen sink faucet	31	Replace faucet aerators, replace the faucet & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.

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We will request that RIDOH/URI retest the water after these immediate actions have taken place. If levels remain higher than 15ppb we will look beyond the faucets to the pipes and will take immediate corrective action, if needed.

In any area where results are higher than 15ppb, please know that the water is being shut off immediately and bottled water is being brought in. At Peace Dale that is only in the kitchen where the water is used for food preparation.

The water will only be turned back on in that area when the water quality tests show below 15ppb.

It is important to note that although the drinking fountain level is below the action level of the EPA we are taking immediate action on those areas as well to ensure that the water consumption sites in our school are at the highest level of water quality.

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Dear Wakefield School Parents/Guardians and Faculty/Staff,

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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from Wakefield School:

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)	What We Are Doing? Immediate Action
WES outside library water fountain	<1	No action
WES nurse sink faucet	2.3	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators
WES kitchen sink faucet	2.1	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.

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- Any sample that had a result between 1 and 15 ppb is below the "action level" of the EPA. There are still things we can do to help get rid of lead in the drinking water. We are following RIDOH's advice.
- Any sample that had a result of less than 1 ppb is below the "detection level" for lead. We are following RIDOH's advice to help keep lead out of the drinking water at the school.

No re-testing is needed at Wakefield School as no levels are above 15ppb.

It is important to note that although the drinking water levels are below the action level of the EPA we are taking immediate action on those areas to ensure that the water consumption sites in our school are at the highest level of water quality.

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Dear West Kingston School Parents/Guardians and Faculty/Staff,

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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from West Kingston Elementary School:

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)	What We Are Doing? Immediate Action
WKES Kitchen sink faucet	38	Replace faucet aerators, replace the faucet & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
WKES Cafeteria water fountain	13	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators
WKES Nurse sink faucet	16	Replace faucet aerators, replace the faucet & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.

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- Any sample that had a result of less than 1 ppb is below the "detection level" for lead. We are following RIDOH's advice to help keep lead out of the drinking water at the school.

We will request that RIDOH/URI retest the water after these immediate actions have taken place. If levels remain higher than 15ppb we will look beyond the faucets to the pipes and will take immediate corrective action, if needed.

In any area where results are higher than 15ppb, please know that the water is being shut off immediately and bottled water is being brought in. At West Kingston those areas are in the kitchen where the water is used for food preparation and in the Nurses Office where the water is used for hand washing.

The water will only be turned back on in those areas when the water quality tests show below 15ppb.

It is important to note that although the drinking fountain level is below the action level of the EPA we are taking immediate action on those areas as well to ensure that the water consumption sites in our school are at the highest level of water quality.

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In addition, we plan to partner with the Kingston Water District that supplies the water to the school and hope they will work with us to address any concerns.

The Kingston Water District supplies water to West Kingston School. The Suez Water Company supplies water to all other South Kingstown Schools. I have spoken directly to the Suez General Manager and I am actively seeking out the General Manager of the Kingston Water District. The Suez public water supply company has assured me that the public water supply is not at issue here. The Rhode Island Department of Health tests the public water supply every 3 years and the latest reports have been good.

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Dear Broad Rock School Parents/Guardians and Faculty/Staff,

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Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from Broad Rock School:

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)	What We Are Doing? Immediate Action
BRMS kitchen sink faucet	1.4	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
BRMS nurse sink faucet	<1	No action
BRMS first floor water fountain	<1	No action

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No re-testing is needed at Broad Rock School as no levels are above 15ppb.

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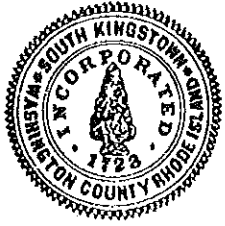
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Dear Curtis Corner Middle School Parents/Guardians and Faculty/Staff,

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CCMS hall water fountain	<1	No action
CCMS kitchen sink faucet	2.3	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
CCMS nurse sink faucet	1.4	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.

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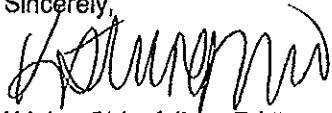
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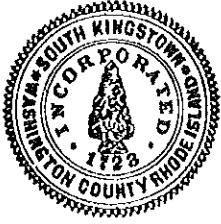
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If you would like to talk to someone from the school department about the test results, please call Maryanne Crawford, CFO at 401-360-1324 or email mcrawford@sksd-ri.net.

Sincerely,



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Dear South Kingstown High School Parents/Guardians and Faculty/Staff,

In 2016, the Rhode Island General Assembly passed a law requiring the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) to test drinking water in schools for lead. Our school voluntarily submitted three drinking water samples. All water samples were tested by a state-certified lab. We are working with the Rhode Island Department of Health and the University of Rhode Island School Drinking Water Lead Project.

The RI Department of Health states the most common causes of a child becoming sick from lead is from exposure to lead-based paint and paint dust found in a home environment. It is much less likely for a child to become sick from exposure to water in a school environment from a faucet or a water fountain. The data we have collected from water samples in our school helps us to keep our children as safe as possible by working with RIDOH to follow the recommended guidance.

Here are the results of the three drinking water samples from South Kingstown High School:

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)	What We Are Doing? Immediate Action
SKHS kitchen sink faucet	7.9	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
SKHS 2 nd floor water fountain & bottle filler	2	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators
SKHS nurse office sink faucet	2	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
Academic Success Academy (ASA) office sink	9.4	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
ASA Science lab sink faucet	2.7	Replace faucet aerators & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.
ASA kitchen (teacher room) sink faucet	18	Replace faucet aerators, replace faucet & implement more frequent cleaning schedule of aerators.

What Do The Test Results Mean?

- Any sample that had a result of higher than 15 ppb is above the "action level" of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Our school is following advice from the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) to help fix this.
- Any sample that had a result between 1 and 15 ppb is below the "action level" of the EPA. There are still things we can do to help get rid of lead in the drinking water. We are following RIDOH's advice.
- Any sample that had a result of less than 1 ppb is below the "detection level" for lead. We are following RIDOH's advice to help keep lead out of the drinking water at the school.

We will request that RIDOH/URI retest the water after these immediate actions have taken place. If levels remain higher than 15ppb we will look beyond the faucets to the pipes and will take immediate corrective action, if needed.

In any area where results are higher than 15ppb, please know that the water is being shut off immediately and bottled water is being brought in. At SKHS that is only in the ASA teacher room kitchen.

It is important to note that although the drinking water level is below the action level of the EPA we are taking immediate action on those areas to ensure that the water consumption sites in our school are at the highest level of water quality.

I want to re-assure you that this initial test, while concerning, should not be a cause for alarm or panic. We (as well as all RI School Districts) are partnering with the RI Department of Health and URI. We have learned that short term remediation efforts such as immediate cleaning, replacing aerators on faucets and flushing pipes generally results in immediate lower levels on subsequent tests.

In addition, we plan to partner with the Suez Water Company that supplies water to the school and they have assured me they will work with us to address any concerns.

The Suez Water Company supplies water to all South Kingstown Schools (with the exception of West Kingston). I have spoken directly to the Suez General Manager. The Suez public water supply company has assured me that the public water supply is in compliance as the Rhode Island Department of Health tests the public water supply every 3 years and the latest reports have been good.

We are re-framing the front page of our district website to host all information related to water testing and water related resources. It will take a few days for all of the information to be posted. The website is your best source of information as it will be updated regularly.

In the meantime, below are some additional links for information.

All water sample results will be posted on RIDOH's website soon, and RIDOH will send all test results to the General Assembly by April 30, 2017.

If you want more information about lead in drinking water, visit these websites:

- Department of Health: <http://www.health.ri.gov/water/about/lead/> or 401-222-5960
- URI's Cooperative Extension:
 - o <http://web.uri.edu/nemo/lead-in-water>

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