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*As a community we
educate, nurture, and
challenge all students to
be successful, enthusiastic,
lifelong learners who
creatively explore,
effectively apply and
share knowledge as
responsible participants in
an ever-changing world.*

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Dear Lafayette Families,

We are writing to let you know that Lafayette Regional School recently completed testing for lead in drinking water. This is part of an ongoing effort related to New Hampshire's House Bill 1421, 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.

Fortunately, none of our drinking fountains tested higher than the 5ppb, however, 3 sinks used for handwashing or rinsing out paint brushes were flagged. The affected faucets, one in the art room, one in the kitchen and one in the Learning Center have all been labeled hand-washing-only sinks as required.

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

Sincerely,

Amy Kopp

Principal