

PLACE THIS ON SCHOOL LETTERHEAD

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

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.

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 **INSERT SCHOOL NAME HERE:**

Faucet or drinking fountain location	Lead (parts per billion, or ppb)	What We Are Doing

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.

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:
 - <http://web.uri.edu/nemo/lead-in-water>

If you would like to talk to someone at the school about the test results, please call **INSERT NAME HERE** at **401-XXX-XXXX** or email **INSERT EMAIL HERE**.

Sincerely,

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