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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua's Early Learning Center 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 typically enters drinking water due to the wearing away of piping, faucets, fixtures and other plumbing materials. Lead rarely occurs naturally in New Hampshire's drinking water sources (groundwater or surface water)

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 13 drinking 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. We have removed access to this outlet until the problem can be corrected. The table below shows a list of all the tested outlets, their locations, sample results and our planned remediation.

We want to note that both the new sink that tested above 5 ppb and the other "new" sink listed in the table below are brand new sinks that were just installed and have never been used. The testing was done as part of the installation process. We have been advised to "condition" the new faucet and retest it. Conditioning the faucet is recommended after new plumbing work and involves running the water for a period of time, removing the new aerator, and cleaning the new parts of the faucet. We will retest once this conditioning process is complete. We want to reiterate that we have restricted access to this sink until the problem can be corrected and retested.

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

Sincerely,



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<b>Outlet Number</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sample Result (ppb)</b>	<b>Planned Remediation</b>
<b>1</b>	Teen Center Bottle Fill	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>2</b>	Teen Center Drinking Fountain	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>3</b>	Teen Center Kitchen	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>4</b>	Clubhouse Front Hall Bottle Fill	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>5</b>	Clubhouse Front Hall Drinking Fountain	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>6</b>	ELC Café Right Lower	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>7</b>	ELC Café Left	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>8</b>	Infant Room Left Lower	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>9</b>	Infant Room Right Lower	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>10</b>	Toddler Room Left	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>11</b>	Toddler Room Right	<1	No Remediation Necessary
<b>12</b>	New 3 Bay Sink	3.42	No Remediation Necessary
<b>13</b>	New Vegetable Sink	7.65	Access Restricted / Will Not Use