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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that North Country Charter Academy – Lancaster, 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 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).

Because lead is tasteless, odorless and colorless in drinking water, testing is a 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 [4] faucets and found [2] samples testing at or above 5 ppb, the level where action must be taken. North Country Charter Academy is working with the NH Department of Environmental Services in order to remedy the situation.

The table below shows a list of all of the tested outlets, their locations, sample results and our planned remediation.

Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
1	Lanc-Kitchen	3.14	N/A
2	Lanc-Hall Bath	3.46	N/A
3	Class Bath R	8.42	Permanent signs for handwashing use only
4	Class Bath L	9.61	Permanent signs for handwashing use only

NCCA will continue to look into resolving this but we are moving forward with the recommendation to have permanent signs in the bathrooms to limit the faucets to handwashing use only. All sample results and additional resources from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) can be viewed at gettheleadoutnh.org. If you should have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lavoie
Principal/Superintendent