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Dear Stewartstown Community School Staff:

In February 2018, the State of New Hampshire adopted Senate Bill 247 “Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning from Paint and Water”. This bill requires that by July 1, 2019 all schools and licensed childcare facilities in the state complete testing for lead in drinking water at all locations where water is available for consumption by children. It also requires clearer real estate disclosures for homes built prior to 1978 due to lead paint being widely used before this date. To protect your family further from potential exposure, the state recommends that all residents test for lead paint if your home was built prior to 1978, and to test your water for stagnant lead from your home plumbing whether you have town water or a private well.

The water testing protocol for Senate Bill 247 (SB247) consists of collecting one liter of water from each fixture first thing in the morning, before there is any water use in the building. This is referred to as “stagnant lead” and is intended to represent worst-case conditions. Lead is not naturally occurring in water but can leach out of plumbing fixtures as the water sits stagnant over long periods of time. This is why, in addition to testing, it is important to flush the tap every day until the water runs cold before using it for drinking or cooking.

In compliance with SB247 we have recently completed testing of all locations at which children and staff obtain drinking water at the Stewartstown Community School. While the ultimate goal is for zero lead exposure, the action level in drinking water is currently set at 15 parts per billion (ppb) or 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) as the threshold to implement remedial actions. We are happy to report that all locations showed levels well below the drinking water lead advisory.

A table listing results of testing at Stewartstown Community School, 60 School Street, West Stewartstown, NH is attached for your review and is also posted on our website at www.sau7.org.

We are available to answer any questions and provide any additional information you may need. Please contact Bruce Beasley, Superintendent of Schools, 603-237-5571, bbeasley@sau7.org. In addition, the state has additional background information and resources available that you can find with a simple web search for “[NHDES Lead in Drinking Water](#)”.

Sincerely,

Bruce Beasley,
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Stewartstown Community School

Test Results for Lead in the Water

	Test Location	Sample Date	Lab Report Date	Stagnant Lead, (mg/L)
1	Stew-1 Kitchen	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	0.0010
2	Stew-2 Kitchen	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	0.0013
3	Stew-3 Kitchen Hand Sink	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	0.0020
4	Stew-4 Fountain Bottle Fill	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
5	Stew-5 Fountain Drinking	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
6	Stew-6 Girls' Bathroom	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
7	Stew-7 Girls' Bathroom	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
8	Stew-8 Girls' Bathroom	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
9	Stew-9 Boys' Bathroom	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
10	Stew-10 Boys' Bathroom	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
11	Stew-11 Boys' Bathroom	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
12	Stew-12 Staff Bathroom	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
13	Stew-13 Kindergarten Room 3	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
14	Stew-14 Room 18-Ms Sarri	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
15	Stew-15 Boiler Room Sink	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
16	Stew-16 Nurse's Room Sink	12/18/2018	1/9/2019	ND
Bolded data indicates elevated lead levels.		ND = None Detected		