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Dear RSU 23 Community,

In compliance with Maine Law LD 153, that requires statewide testing for lead in all school water sources, we have completed our initial testing in all three schools. While we do have some sites that will need to be further investigated and mitigated, it's important to note that our newly installed school bottle-fill and drinking water stations were all operating within the Maine State lead limit thresholds. The complete results are listed below. Please review the Maine CDC Information Sheet and the EPA Flier to learn steps to protect yourself in your home as well.

- Jameson Elementary School ([Linked](#))
- Loranger Memorial School ([Linked](#))
- Old Orchard Beach High School ([Linked](#))

As with most schools in Maine constructed decades ago, pipes, solder, and brass fixtures can be a potential source of lead. Maine's drinking water threshold is no more than 4 parts per billion (ppb); whereas the federal threshold is 15 ppb. Any fixtures exceeding the Maine threshold for lead must be reported to the public within five (5) days of the findings.

As we currently undergo testing at our schools, we were not surprised to learn from a recent Portland Press Herald article that approximately one-third of the Maine schools already tested have come back positive. Any water sources above the threshold will immediately be removed from service, flushed for mitigation, and resampled to determine the source of the lead—fixtures versus pipes—to perform remediation. Please reach out to our facilities director Robert Kierstead [rkierstead@rsu23.org](mailto:rkierstead@rsu23.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Suttie".

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