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TO: Parents, Guardians, & Staff of CCHS

FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent

RE: PFAs Testing Update

DATE: 3-3-2023

You will recall that in the middle of December, while waiting for a second more conclusive set of test results from the state we decided to use only bottled water at Cape Cod Hill School (CCHS). That is until the new results were shared with us. We had received a letter from the Maine Drinking Water Program with our initial test results for PFAS levels in the well water at CCHS and they were at 8.4 parts per trillion (ppt), which was not above the standard set by the state (20 ppt) but was still concerning to us at that time. I am happy to now share with you that we have received the results from our second set of confirmation tests and these results show a rate of 2.61 ppt which is, <u>well below</u> the present state recommended level. **Great news for sure!** You can find the report <u>here</u>.

Based on these new test results we will now return to using our well water to cook and wash within the CCHS kitchen along with using those drinking fountains and faucets approved for use in our hallways and bathrooms. We will no longer be supplying bottled water. Please also know that we are still waiting for some other test results regarding lead levels within certain faucets currently not being used at our school. Based on those results we will determine if we need to work with our drinking water consultant to develop a filtration plan or replace faucets or fountains <u>now not in use</u>.

We will keep you updated as we receive more information, including further test results.

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