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TO: Parents/Guardians and Staff of Academy Hill School

FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent

RE: Water Source Info and School Specific Lab Report

DATE: May 8, 2022

When you review Academy Hill School (AHS) results, you will see that it had eight of nine faucets which tested over 4 ppb. This data tells us that there may be several reasons for these faucets testing this way and that it will be most important for us to get the next set of results back so we can determine potential reasons and develop our next steps. All faucets at AHS will be retested with all other district faucets.

Overall, with this number of faucets affected at AHS, we will probably be using bottled water for consumption for the rest of our school year. We will of course let you know of any potential changes before taking any future steps.

Lastly, we have several different water sources which support RSU 9 Schools. For AHS and Cushing we use the Wilton Water District. They have the same signs that their water is corrosive as do our other schools' water sources. In 2019 the last time they tested, statistically they were in the 90th percentile at 13 ppb which then was below the Federal standard for concern. Wilton does have a corrosion treatment system for their system, but again corrosivity is common as was shared by the Maine Drinking Water Program. If corrosive water goes into buildings with stagnant water, then dissolving of lead will occur. If this did occur, the possible combination with school plumbing and fixtures could result in higher levels. 2022 is a testing year for the Wilton Water District.

Linked [here](#) are the school-specific results for Academy Hill School. For test results for all RSU 9 schools and more information on testing for lead in K-12 school drinking water, please follow this link to our [School Lead Sampling](#) webpage.

*“Preach, my dear sir, a crusade against ignorance.” Thomas Jefferson*