

Scarborough Public Schools

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To: Kelly Mullen-Martin, PrincipalFrom: Todd JepsonRE: Water Testing ResultsDate: May 24, 2022

In accordance with a new Maine law, LD 153 (An Act to Strengthen Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water), I have sampled water from 43 water fixtures at Blue Point School. All samples were taken on April 15, 2022 in the early morning.

The fixtures sampled are used for drinking water or to prepare food. In some cases, I took a few samples from some of the portable classroom bathrooms, as I was not sure if those are ever used for drinking. I did not test wash sinks such as custodial room floor sinks. All kitchen fixtures used for food preparation were tested as were all drinking fountains and classroom sinks and faculty break room sinks. I have enclosed the full list with the results.

Most of the main drinking fixtures and all kitchen fixtures were below 4 parts per billion (ppb). While no lead level in water has necessarily been deemed safe to drink, mitigation is only recommended or required by the Maine CDC when levels above 4 ppb are present. The bad news is that there were fourteen (14) fixtures that tested above the 4 ppb level. In general, the day I tested, some fountains and fixtures had a plastic bag over them, which means they had likely not been used in a long time, which may be why some of the lead levels are elevated. *See full test results attached.* These fixtures will require further testing to determine where lead may be entering the water stream. In the meantime, a "DO NOT DRINK" sign will be placed on these fixtures. Once the source of lead is determined, I will create a mitigation plan. I do know that Blue Point School is supplied by the Saco and Biddeford Water District, and they take water samples often from Blue Point School.

All water sample results will be posted publicly, and schools may choose to send this information home with students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly via email: <u>tjepson@scarboroughschools.org</u>