



Blue Hills Regional Technical School

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Dear Blue Hills Community:

The safety, health and well-being of our students and staff are always a top priority at Blue Hills. We are committed to ensuring the best possible water quality. Our school has a comprehensive Water Procedure plan in place. Also, we voluntarily agreed to test all drinking water sources throughout the facility, as an effort to ensure reliable access to safe drinking water at Blue Hills.

In May of 2016 Blue Hills conducted some limited baseline testing in conjunction with the Canton Water Department. The lead and copper levels were well below the action levels established by the EPA. Recently, Massachusetts devoted \$2 million to test drinking water at public schools across the state (BHR voluntarily signed up for this). This winter BHR will be participating in the State Testing program and re-testing **all** fixtures again for the 2016-2017 school year for lead and copper. Water samples from the tap will be collected and sent to a certified laboratory for analysis. Mass DEP is providing technical assistance. Water testing will not interrupt instruction in any way.

Blue Hills will continue to comply with our health and water experts to ensure predictable and consistently low or non-detectable lead and copper levels. When available, the results of our water testing will be made available via the school website: www.bluehills.org

A Reminder to residents of the Blue Hills Regional District: *The water system at the school is not unlike water systems found in other buildings, such as your residence. Older plumbing systems and fixtures, especially, can contain lead pipes or solder that can allow lead to enter tap water. Plumbing systems also contain copper. If you have questions about lead or copper in your home's water supply, and are using a private well, you should have your water tested. If you are receiving water from a public water system (i.e., if you pay a water bill) you can call your local water department for information or check the Consumer Confidence Report sent out by the public water supplier annually.*

For Your Reference: *MassDEP Action Level for Lead in school drinking water is 0.015 mg/L (also known as parts per million). The Massachusetts Action Level for Copper in drinking water is 1.3 milligrams per liter.*

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

Regards,

Jill Rossetti, BHR Principal