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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that AchieversECP recently completed testing for lead in ***non-drinking water*** for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a state mandated protocol, which requires school and child care facilities to test for lead in drinking water and to act when lead is found at or above 5 parts per billion (ppb).

Lead is a toxic heavy metal that has a range of adverse health effects if inhaled or swallowed. Lead typically enters drinking water due to the wearing away of piping, faucets, fixtures and other plumbing materials.

Because lead is tasteless, odorless and colorless in drinking water, testing is the only way to learn whether lead is present. It is important to sample each faucet or water fountain that is used for drinking or food prep because test results can vary between locations.

During recent testing, we collected samples from all drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks).

We have removed access to all water outlets in our facilities where levels are above the standard and have taken the following steps:

- Closed all water fountains, and replaced them with portable water fountains.
- "Flushing" water, when possible, to allow water that has been stagnant to move through the pipes.
- Discouraging drinking water from fixtures not intended for potable use (e.g., lab faucets, hoses, spigots, hand washing sinks).
- Ordered and installed filters for the hand washing stations.

The results are attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

AECP Leadership