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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

In accordance with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) regulations, the Madrid-Waddington Central School District recently completed our required lead testing of water outlets used for drinking and food preparation throughout our school facilities. This includes sinks primarily used for hand washing, but could potentially be used for drinking purposes. This routine testing ensures the ongoing health and safety of all students and staff. Public Health Law was revised in December, 2022 lowering the parts per billion action level for schools from 15 ppb to 5 ppb.

As part of this testing, **three outlets** were found to have lead levels above the NYSDOH action level for schools of 5 parts per billion (ppb):

- One sink located in a **storage room at 5.4 ppb**
- One **classroom sink** primarily used for **handwashing only at 6.5 ppb**
- One **steam kettle** that is **not typically used for meal preparation at 18.1 ppb**

It is important to note that this is **not a water supply issue**, but rather an issue related to the **individual fixtures themselves**. Elevated levels are often caused by older fixtures or lack of use which can contribute to elevated lead levels in standing water within the fixture. Based on the utilization of all 3 identified fixtures it is unlikely that these would have been used for human consumption.

Immediate Actions Taken:

- All three identified fixtures have received signage indicating they are not to be used for consumption.
- The 2 sink fixtures are being replaced.
- The kettle faucet is being retested as it was missed in the pre-test flush protocols which likely caused the elevated level. If this fixture tests high again then we will further evaluate any components that may be the cause and replace as appropriate.
- Follow-up testing will be conducted after replacement to ensure levels are below the 5 ppb threshold.

The District remains committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff. Full testing results and additional information about our water testing program are available upon request or by visiting our district website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the District Office.

Cordially,

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Lead Water Testing Update as of June 24, 2025

We have retested the 3 fixtures previously identified as having elevated lead levels. The results are as follows:

Classroom Sink: 4.5 ppb
Storage Room Sink: 5.6 ppb
Elementary Kitchen Steam Kettle: 12.8

The classroom sink meets the requirements and the storage room sink we will leave designated as non-potable. We will continue to test the steam kettle supply as we remove one component at a time to determine the lead source. Our next test will be with the faucet removed.

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