

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT 70

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Dear MSAD #70 Community,

Saturday, January 21st, 2023

I am writing this letter to update you on the quality of water and testing results we have received since our first PFAS test, as well as our newest lead sampling. On Friday, January 20th I received the Hodgdon Middle/High School's confirmation sample (second test result) from the state and the results were similar to the original sample. Our PFAS levels exceed the state requirements resulting in no staff or students being allowed to consume water. Although I have not received Mill Pond's confirmation sample yet, I am expecting it to be similar to the first test as well.

Now that we have received the confirmation sample, I am able to start the process of fixing this issue. We have formed a committee of experts in the field to help with this and we will be developing an action plan to submit to the school board. I would like to thank Houlton Water Company, McPartland's Plumbing, Houlton Farms Dairy, and a local engineer, Brad Sloat, who have all been actively involved in solving this problem. Alongside this, we are now able to start applying for state funded grants that will help us financially in our pursuit of fixing this issue.

Recently, we have also received our water lead test results in both Mill Pond and Hodgdon Middle/High School. We exceeded the state limit on multiple school fixtures at both schools and have taken appropriate action to replace those. While this is taking place, we have posted notifications by each faucet that exceeded the limits in each school. Since we are already drinking imported water from Houlton Farms Dairy as well as bottled water, no other adjustments in our regular routine need to be made at this time. Each student will be mailed an official public notice and additional information regarding lead in the water.

To our parents and guardians, I want to thank you for your efforts and patience. By supplying your child with water each day it has limited the extra need for secondary water provided by the district and it has also limited your child's educational interruption. Your child's health is our top priority and we at MSAD #70 will continue to test our drinking water until the matter is resolved.

Sincerely,

Tyler Putnam, Superintendent of MSAD #70

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