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Dear Families and Staff:

The State of Vermont passed a new law in 2019 that requires all schools and child care providers to test their drinking water for lead. Samples of water from every tap at the North Hero School that is reasonably expected to be used for drinking or cooking were collected and sent to the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory for analysis.

Results for North Hero School:

- **All the taps sampled had results BELOW the 4 part per billion (ppb) action level.**
- **No further action is currently necessary. The drinking water can continue to be used.**

Lead exposure poses a special risk to children because they absorb lead into their systems more easily than adults do. Lead can slow down growth, impair development and learning, and can cause behavior problems. While the major source of lead poisoning in Vermont children is paint, lead in plumbing pipes and fixtures can add to a person's overall exposure. Drinking water in schools and homes may contain lead from old pipes, plumbing fixtures (such as fountains and faucets), or the solder that joins pipe sections together.

More Information

- For questions about the water testing process, or about the law and its requirements, please call the Lead in School and Child Care Drinking Water Program at 802-863-7220 or 800-439-8550 (toll-free in Vermont).
- You can view school and child care results, remediation and any follow-up testing at leadresults.vermont.gov. (NOTE: If your child's preschool or after school program is located at a school, the results will be listed under the school's name.) For more information visit:
 - Schools: healthvermont.gov/school-drinking-water
 - Child Care Programs: healthvermont.gov/childcare-drinking-water
- If you have questions or concerns about our facility and the actions we are taking, please contact the North Hero School at 802-372-8866.

To learn more about lead hazards and lead poisoning prevention, visit healthvermont.gov/lead.

If you want to test your home drinking water for lead, find a list of certified drinking water labs at tinyurl.com/certified-lab.

Sincerely,

Amanda Ellison

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