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Dear Parents:

As you may have read in the news or seen on the TV, one of Healdsburg Unified School District's schools was found to have a level of lead in their water that was higher than the federal limits due to lead leaching from the welds on the old plumbing. Since then, additional testing by the Sonoma County Department of Public Health has shown the lead levels to be significantly lower; well within the federal limit of fifteen parts per billion. Since some lead still appears to be present and out of caution, Healdsburg plans to provide its students on that campus with bottled water until the pipes can be replaced.

We do not believe we have the same problem in our school district but students and employee safety is paramount to us. We have been in contact with our insurance carrier, the Redwood Empire Schools Insurance Group (RESIG), requesting that they conduct a test of the water at various locations at Windsor Creek Elementary School and Cali Calmécac; each has some classrooms built before 1989. There is no issue with any buildings or portables classrooms built in 1989 or after since they were constructed well after lead was banned from plumbing welds.

RESIG has informed us that the way lead is tested most accurately is to test first thing in the morning after the water has sat in pipes at least eight hours so that all particulates come out in the first water released by the pipes for the test. When water has been run through pipes, the particulates are diluted. Of note, even when there are particulates in the water, if the water is run for thirty seconds before drinking, the flushing water moves the particulates through during the first few seconds of the thirty seconds and the subsequent water will typically test as safe for drinking. As a precaution, we will be flushing the water at Windsor Creek Elementary School and Cali Calmécac until testing is complete.

As we receive additional information, we will keep you apprised.

Sincerely,

Steve Jorgensen
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