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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

On January 7, 2025, St. Michael's Lutheran Preschool conducted sampling for lead in drinking water in accordance with Minnesota State Statutes. While the major source of lead exposure for most Minnesota children is paint, lead in plumbing fixtures can add to a person's overall exposure. Drinking water in childcare facilities, schools, and homes may contain lead from old lead pipes, plumbing fixtures (e.g., fountains and faucets), or solder that joins pipe sections together. Our Preschool Director sampled three taps in the preschool classroom that are used for drinking and food preparation and sent them to a certified drinking water laboratory for analysis. Results were received February 24, 2025. A summary of these results is included in this letter. The final report is available on our website.

Three total samples were tested, one requiring action based on our childcare testing plan. One of the taps sampled had results at or above 5 parts per billion (ppb) for lead. **This tap was immediately taken out of service for drinking and food preparation.** Our remediation steps include cleaning the aerator, implementing a flushing program, and installing a point of use treatment device (a water filter). The tap will be retested after each remediation option is implemented to ensure an adequate reduction in the amount of lead.

Another tap sampled had results less than 2 ppb and does not require further action per MN Statute. Because there is no safe level of lead in the body, St. Michael's Lutheran Preschool is working to find additional solutions to reduce levels of lead in the drinking water for this tap as well, using the same remediation options listed above. This tap has also been currently removed from service.

Lead in drinking water typically represents very low exposure and does not typically require medical intervention or blood lead testing. If a parent has a concern about lead exposure, they should talk to their health care provider to determine if additional steps are needed. The priority is reducing exposure by reducing lead at the tap. Elevated blood lead levels are rarely caused by drinking water sources. Exposure to lead paint and dust are the most common causes of elevated blood lead levels.

Our preschool is committed to protecting the health of the children and staff. If you have questions about a lead sample result at a specific tap and actions taken, or if you have concerns, please contact our Preschool Director at psdirector@smlcb.org or 952-230-2025.

To learn more about lead hazards and lead poisoning prevention visit: [MDH Lead Program](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/index.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/index.html>).

Sincerely,

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