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Dear Ghent Elementary School Parent:

You may recall that prior to the pandemic, we communicated with families that Norfolk Public Schools was conducting a comprehensive water testing program in all of its schools and buildings on a schedule that extends through June of this year. While that effort slowed somewhat as staff worked to accomplish deep cleaning, it did not come to a halt.

Therefore, the purpose of this communication is to advise you that water testing at Ghent Elementary School has been accomplished. We now wish to inform you of those results. As a reminder, this effort was undertaken to address revised Environmental Protection Agency guidelines which now identify acceptable lead levels at 15 parts per billion (PPB). The school division contracted with an independent laboratory to conduct this testing for our schools and other facilities

There are two tables below. The first identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 PPB for lead and what remedial action Norfolk Public Schools has taken to reduce the lead levels at these locations. The second identifies the non-drinking water outlets that test above the acceptable standard and again, what remedial actions have been taken.

DRINKING WATER OUTLETS THAT EXCEED 15 PPB FOR LEAD

Location(s)	Remedial Action
Clinic sink	Replaced fixture

NON-DRINKING WATER OUTLETS THAT EXCEED 15 PPB FOR LEAD

Location(s)	Remedial Action
A number of sources of non-consumable water exceeded the acceptable standard. For example, these included: Custodial closet sink and restroom sinks	Placard placed noting water is "not for consumption"

Should you have any questions about this testing initiative, you may contact our office of Risk Management and Safety at (757) 628-3856.

Sincerely,



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