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As most of you know, Eddyville Charter School is on a well. We are mandated to test our water for a variety of things on a regular basis. On Wednesday, October 26, we conducted several tests, one of which was a lead and copper test. This test consists of taking 10 samples from around the school. Today, our results were returned, and two of those samples came back with lead levels of concern; one of the samples came back with a copper level of concern.

The lead level in school drinking water for which the EPA requires action is either .015 or .020 mg/liter – there are conflicting reports on this number. We are working with the County School District and the Lincoln County Health Department for guidance. The sample from Room 47 showed a level of .164, and the kitchen showed a level of .0176. In addition, room 47 showed a level of copper of 1.33 (the EPA requires action at 1.30) While these numbers are relatively low, we are taking this situation very seriously.

This morning, we immediately notified the District Office and the Lincoln County Health Department. We cut access to the water fountain and the sink in room 47, and are only using the water in the kitchen for non-potable uses. The kitchen staff is using bottled water for cooking. We brought in bottled water for the students in room 47, and tomorrow bottled water will be available for every student K-12.

In addition, we will be replacing the fixtures in the kitchen sink, and looking for long term solutions for this situation. We want you to know that we put our student's health and safety first and foremost. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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