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To: [Janet Lewis](#)
Subject: Fwd: Lead in water
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:09:58 AM
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From: **William Saffie** <wsaffie.candiabc@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 15, 2026 at 5:30 AM

Subject: Lead in water


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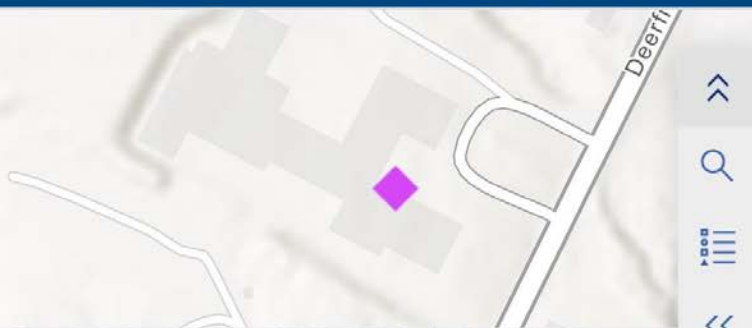
Good morning I checked the DESNH website which test all schools and day cares water. Interesting to see that in 2024 (most recent test on web site) the Moore school has lead in water. Last night we were told they just found out, which raises some serious questions. Why hasn't this problem been addressed and resolved, why are my grand children using water with lead in it. Have parents been notified of such. I will ask my daughter later this morning if she has been notified. If not the entire school board should resign immediately. I personally find it deceitful what went on last night. Wondering if any budget members would vote to go back to 3% increase on budget, if a revote is allowed.

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Facility Statistics

Total Number of Outlets: **16**
 Outlets with No Lead Detected: **1**
 Outlets Between 1 and 5 ppb: **12**
 Outlets Above 5 ppb: **3**
 Outlets with Remediation Reported: **4**

Facility Stats Outlets Results


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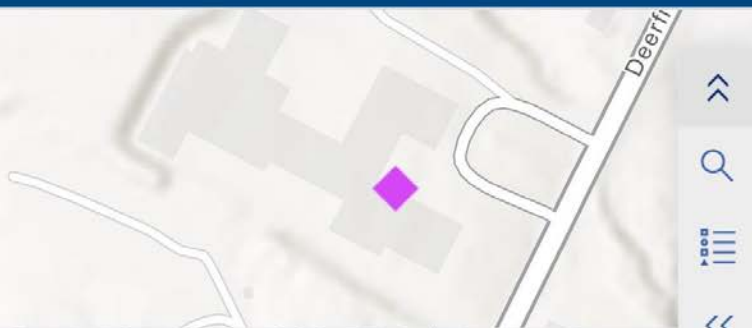
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Sample Results by Outlet

Outlet Location: 11
 Sample Result: **11.4** PPB (UG/L)
 Sample Date: 8 November 2024
Remediation Method: Permanently posted for no drinking / handwash only

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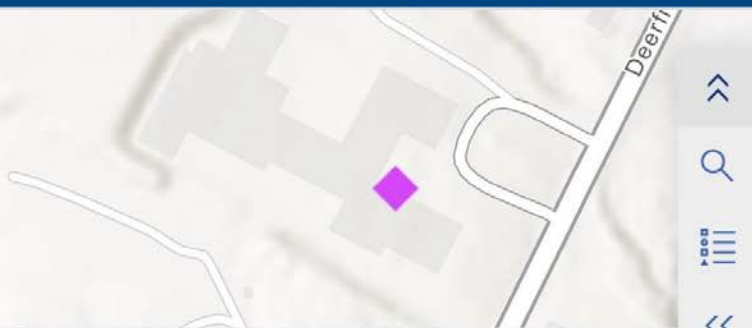
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Facility Outlets (sinks, faucets, etc)

Outlet Location: 11
Outlet ID: 20535-1

Outlet Location: 23
Outlet ID: 20535-8

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NH Open Meeting Law

New Hampshire's Open Meeting Law, part of the Right-to-Know Law (RSA 91-A), requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the public, properly noticed at least 24 hours in advance, and documented through minutes. A meeting occurs when a quorum gathers to discuss or act on public business, whether in person or electronically.

Key components of the law include:

- **Public Attendance and Recording:** Any person may attend, take notes, or record/film meetings, provided they do not disrupt proceedings.
- **Notice Requirements:** Public notice must be given at least 24 hours in advance (excluding Sundays/holidays) and include the time, location, and agenda.
- **Minutes:** Minutes must be available for public inspection within 5 business days, including member names, people appearing, and decisions made.
- **Nonpublic Sessions:** Public bodies may only enter nonpublic sessions for specific, limited reasons (e.g., personnel matters, litigation, property acquisition) after a motion in an open meeting.
- **Electronic Meetings:** Members may participate electronically, but must be audible to the public, and a quorum must be present at the physical location in most cases.

Violations can be challenged in superior court, and any action taken in violation of the law may be invalidated.

Dear Candia Budget Committee Members:

It's been brought to our attention that a member of your committee, William Saffie, sent an email to all the members of your committee the day after your second public hearing on the Candia School District. When made aware of this email we collectively found it to be extremely inappropriate and distressing.

As you all know, Mr. Saffie used this email to make completely unfounded and defamatory insinuations about the Candia School Board, the SAU 15 superintendent, the principal of our school and the entire staff of our school regarding lead that has recently been found in the pipes at the school. You were all present at the January 14th hearing at which our superintendent and principal offered an explanation of the lead that had been found. You all had the opportunity to ask whatever questions you may have had based concerns about lead in our school.

As indicated in his email, after the hearing Mr. Saffie visited the NHDES and discovered that there had also been lead found at our school in 2024. Rather than making an attempt to reach out to the school to obtain more pertinent information to address any concerns he may have had about this finding of lead, he chose instead to make a number of assumptions and send the previously mentioned email in which he implied that the Candia School Board, Superintendent and school staff knowingly and purposely engaged in actions to deceive the public, ignore the issue of lead in our pipes and completely disregard the health of our students.

Upon receiving Mr. Saffie's email, our board chair, Stephanie Helmig, reached out to the superintendent and principal to obtain an explanation of how the 2024 finding of lead was addressed. An email was sent to all of you, including Mr. Saffie, on January 16th, explaining how we notified parents via a letter, posted a notice on the school website and took the appropriate mitigation steps after the lead had been discovered. After having received this email Mr. Saffie continued to make defamatory accusations about our board, the superintendent and our school's staff via social media.

In addition to Mr. Saffie's baseless and defamatory accusations about the lead situation it was also very concerning to see that he seemingly violated the NH Open meeting law in an attempt to change the vote on our budget that your committee had taken the evening before he sent his email. In his email he stated "Wondering if any budget members would vote to go back to 3% increase on budget, if a revote is allowed." We reached out to our attorney to obtain a legal opinion on the actions of Mr. Saffie. It was the opinion of our attorney that Mr. Saffie had in fact engaged in defamatory behavior when making accusations about the lead situation at the school and that he must cease and desist. It was also the opinion of our attorney that Mr. Saffie likely violated the NH Open Meeting Law by soliciting budget committee members to change their vote on our budget via email.

Mr. Saffie's behavior is extremely unprofessional, inappropriate and defamatory, not to mention possibly illegal. One wonders what would motivate Mr. Saffie to conduct himself in such a manner considering that every other member of your board has conducted themselves with professionalism and respect, despite the disagreements we may have on the school budget, in the opinion of our board. Could it be that he was angry that things did not go as he would have liked at your hearing? Does he harbor some personal animus toward the Candia School Board for some reason beyond budget disagreements which is known only to him? In any event we request that his email be added to the public comments of your January 14th hearing minutes and that your committee publicly address this issue at your next scheduled meeting so that no further action from our board will be necessary.

Signed,

The Candia School Board