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Dear BSD Families,

I'm reaching out this evening to address our families directly about a news item you may have seen today. Beginning this morning, some local media outlets have been reporting on water sample results from schools across the state. This statewide sampling initiative was conducted by the Delaware Department of Education (DOE) and the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH). Some news reports are misleading and leave out key information that I'd like to share.

The initial water testing took place in the summer of 2021. Upon receiving the initial results, a comprehensive resampling effort took place at our schools in August 2022. Please know many of the news reports are only sharing information from the initial testing. Results from the August 2022 retesting showed that all but one fixture at one location were at or below acceptable levels. This single fixture is a prep sink at Mount Pleasant High School. As a non-consumable water source, DPH recommended the district implement a routine daily flush as an acceptable response measure.

Please know our students' and staff's health and safety are always our top priority. Immediately upon learning of the initial samples, we partnered with DPH to determine next steps for resampling and immediate actions we could take to resolve any concerns.

If you have any concerns about the report or the district's response, you are welcome to contact our Director of Facilities and Operations, John Read, by calling 302-218-7258. You can also call the DPH Office of Health Systems Protection, which oversees the Office of Drinking Water and the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, at 302-744-4546.

Respectfully,

Lincoln Hohler  
Superintendent