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Dear Burr Community,

As we approach the start of the school year, I thought it was important to give you an update on the remediation work that has taken place over the summer. We are on target to complete the project before the start of the school year. Below is a summary of the work completed to date:

- The main water line to the street was replaced
- The replacement of the interior plumbing lines was completed
- Work is almost complete on replacing all classroom fixtures
- New water bubblers are expected to be installed this week (8/15)
- Water line will undergo chlorinization process this week (standard procedure to cleanse new pipes)
- Educational signage drafted for all sinks in building
- Letter to Burr After School Program (BCAP) providing information on remediation work and safe drinking water practices

Once work is complete, Universal Environmental will return to the building and test all water bubblers and sinks. Results will be distributed to the community via email and posted on the Burr and district websites. No water will be consumed until the results demonstrate its safety.

It has been a tremendous challenge to undertake such a comprehensive project in an extraordinarily short timeframe. We greatly appreciate your patience and the feedback we have received from parent representatives and the larger Burr community. We know this work puts pressure on our teachers and staff as they seek to prepare their classrooms and the building for the start of the school year. Over the next two weeks, we will give them time to prepare while ensuring their safety as construction is finished.

Should you have any questions or feedback, please email the school district at water@newton.k12.ma.us or the City at drinkingwater@newtonma.gov. Thank you for your support as we approach completion of this important work.

Sincerely,

David A. Fleishman
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