# Newsletter Article Example #1: Lead in Drinking Water Information Display

**Headline: <Anytown Elementary School> to Unveil *Lead in Drinking Water* Information Display**

Content:

In recent days, concerns have been raised over the level of lead in the drinking water at <Anytown Elementary School>. In an effort to inform the community of ongoing efforts to protect children in our facility, parents, and concerned community members will soon be invited to visit the school’s new *Lead in Drinking Water* Information Display. Scheduled for introduction on <date>, the display will be located in the main <school > office for easy access. Here, free pamphlets and handouts about lead in drinking water will be available throughout the school day.

In announcing the establishment of this information display, <School Principal/Child Care Administrator <Name of Administrator>> noted, [“The lead levels in <school > drinking water are a growing public concern and we want to be proactive in responding. We’re proud to be taking the initiative in keeping our parents and the community informed. Our *Lead in Drinking Water* Information Display is just the first step in our ongoing campaign of education and awareness.”]

Optional:

[According to <Name of Administrator>, the <school/child care facility> plans to open a second, staffed information center in the school library. This will give parents the opportunity to consult with school administrators and health authorities on lead in drinking water and the most effective ways to reduce exposure.]

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) *Lead Reduction in School Drinking Water Rule* was developed to help schools reduce lead in drinking water. This DPHHS program is focused on testing drinking water for lead, taking corrective action if problems are identified, and sharing testing results and plans for reducing lead exposure in drinking water.

, [“We are responding to the call to action because we believe our children should have confidence in their drinking water while at our facility. Furthermore, we are committed to keeping our parents and the public informed as we work to ensure drinking water quality,”] said Name and title of Administrator.

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# Newsletter Article Example #2: Lead Testing

**Headline: <School > Announces Lead Testing**

Content:

The administration of <Anytown Elementary School> has announced that it will be conducting onsite testing of drinking water fixtures to check for elevated levels of lead. This testing is being conducted to ensure the health and safety of everyone who uses our facility, including children, parents, and faculty.

Requirements provided in the *Lead Reduction in School Drinking Water Rule by the* Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is designed especially for schools. Based on those requirements <school name> developed a plan for testing.

The school has identified drinking water fixtures to test and testing is scheduled to take place on <time period> using the guidance developed by Montana Department of Environmental Quality. These samples will then be analyzed by a certified laboratory.

We will share the results of our testing as soon as they are available. A copy of the test results will be posted in our administration office for review by parents, staff and the general community, as well as on our website. The results will also be available at Deq.mt.gov/Lead

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