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NH Senate Remains Committed to Remediating Lead in School Drinking Water

CONCORD - Today, the Senate voted to table SB 171, appropriating money to remove lead from drinking water pipes in school.

After the vote, Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord) and Senator Cindy Rosenwald (D-Nashua) released the following statements:

“Ensuring the safety of drinking water for New Hampshire children is of the utmost importance. Right now, the state is following nearly 600 children whose lead levels are concerningly high—that's why I've introduced legislation in 2020, SB 599, that will provide a true means to address and remediate lead in drinking water at schools and childcare facilities, not just move funds around as SB 171 did,” said **Senator Cindy Rosenwald (D-Nashua)**.

Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord) added, “The money to remediate lead in school drinking water is already in place at the Department of Education from the Drinking Water and Ground Water Trust Fund. For whatever reason, Commissioner Edelblut is refusing to actively distribute these funds to our schools, and he is holding New Hampshire back from doing the work necessary to ensure all of our children have access to safety drinking water at our schools, a bipartisan priority established under **SB 247 in 2018.**”

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