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Dear parents and guardians,

I wanted to provide you with some information regarding drinking water test results in our school.

As you may be aware, there has been attention in the media lately about lead levels in school drinking water. Our school was listed in one such media article.

I wanted to provide you with some background on the water testing that our school board routinely does and assure you that corrective actions had already taken place prior to the start of the school year to address any issues.

The school board has been testing for lead in school drinking water since 2007. New provincial testing requirements came into effect this July, which increase the amount of testing that is required.

Board staff are extremely diligent and follow the required procedures to the letter.

If a sample comes back with a higher than acceptable level of lead, the fixture that the water sample was taken from is immediately bagged so that no one is able to use it, and it remains off limits until the fixture is replaced and re-tested.

Much of the work testing and replacing fixtures happened this summer prior to the start of the school year.

More information, and all of the results of water testing for lead in our schools, is posted online on the board website at [www.ugdsb.ca/programs/environment/water-testing-for-lead/](http://www.ugdsb.ca/programs/environment/water-testing-for-lead/).

As always, the safety and well-being of your children is our primary concern.

Sincerely,

Katherine Wainman  
Principal