

Belal Taha Superintendent of Education Board Office: 500 Victoria Road N. Guelph, ON N1E 6K2 Email: belal.taha@ugdsb.on.ca Tel: 519-822-4420 ext. 747 or Toll Free: 1-800-321-4025

May 4, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to share that our investigation into the turbidity of the water from the new well has concluded. Well engineers have confirmed that the turbidity issue that was interfering with the UV water treatment system were related to the well construction. We have learned that this is not uncommon with new wells as there are a lot of disruptions with the ground. To improve the turbidity, the well water was discharged for a 12-hour period. Discharging refers to the practice of running the water into the storm system to help clear the water.

We are looking at reconnecting the well to the school. Based on the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks recommendation, we will be conducting two additional water sampling tests before the water can be used for food preparation or consumption. We will continue to provide drinking water dispensers throughout the school until our point-of-use reverse osmosis system has been installed at water fountains and two kitchen sinks.

Sincerely,

Belal Taha Superintendent of Education

## **Upper Grand District School Board**

- Ralf Mesenbrink; Chair
- Katherine Hauser; Vice chair
   Robi
- Jen Edwards
   Robin Ross
- Irene Hanenberg
  Luke Weiler
- Martha MacNeil
  Laurie Whyte
- Kenn Manzerolle
- Lynn Topping