

September 5, 2019

Dear Jacob Hespeler Secondary School families,

Schools in our district follow the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) laws on drinking water.

In 2017, the MOECP amended the process for how we test drinking water fixtures and report lead exceedances. When levels of lead that are higher than provincial standards are detected, we take immediate action to protect our students, following directions from MOECP guidelines, in consultation with the Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services.

On June 14 and 15, water samples were taken from your child's school. The results show that levels of lead in two fixtures were higher than the provincial targets. The impacted taps are:

- Two taps in a Family Studies room

Over the summer, our staff, under the direction of Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services, performed the following corrective actions:

- Flush the impacted fixtures daily for the next 24 months
- Replaced tap and resample
- The fixture is rendered unusable until two result samples that meet provincial standards are received.

With the students' return to school this week, please know that corrective actions will continue throughout the year to ensure drinking water safety, with the guidance of Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services, until we meet the provincially set standards. Further communication about these corrective measures will be sent home as necessary, to keep our community informed.

You can find more information at [www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/water-testing-for-lead](http://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/water-testing-for-lead) . If you have further questions or concerns, you can contact me at 519-658-4910 or email [info@wrdsb.ca](mailto:info@wrdsb.ca).

Sincerely,

Brenda Cathcart  
Principal