



WATERLOO-OXFORD DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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September 14, 2021

Dear Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School families,

Schools in our district follow the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) laws on drinking water.

In 2017, the MOECC 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 MOECC guidelines, in consultation with the Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services.

On August 20, 26 and 27, water samples were taken from your child's school. The results show that levels of lead in three water fixtures were higher than the provincial targets. These taps are:

- Three drinking water fixtures in the Family Studies classroom

We are taking the following corrective actions:

- Flush all drinking water fixtures daily
- Render taps unusable for drinking
- Taps will be replaced
- Take two sets of resamples from taps where the initial samples were taken a minimum of seven days apart from each other, but within 30 days of the initial sample

Please know that we will continue to work on corrective measures 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 on our website (www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/water-testing-for-lead) or at our school reception during office hours. If you have further questions or concerns, you can contact 519-634-5441 or email info@wrdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carolyn Salonen'.

Carolyn Salonen
Principal



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