

October 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: <u>Testing of Drinking Water in Schools</u>

The Langley School District is responsible for testing drinking water in its district facilities, in particular, for the presence of lead. The District is compliant in its testing requirements and approved response plan with all governing bodies including Fraser Health and the Ministry of Education. Under the testing plan, districts are required to test one-third of the schools considered at-risk (built pre-1990) every year.

In year four of testing, the District has completed testing for the latest group of elementary schools including Glenwood, Uplands, Blacklock, Nicomekl, Langley Fundamental, Douglas Park, Alice Brown, West Langley, Peterson Road, Langley Meadows, and Wix-Brown.

Results were found to be within acceptable limits except for the following six elementary schools: Glenwood, Uplands, Blacklock, Nicomekl, Langley Fundamental and Douglas Park. Water samples were taken from sinks at each site. As per the District's response plan, these sinks remain in place throughout the six schools but have signage installed clearly outlining the station is used for 'handwashing only.'

It is important to note, all water fountains in classrooms have been removed across the District and each school has a lead filtered water bottle filling station. For more information and a list of water testing results, please visit the District website page here.

If you have any concerns or questions, please email feedback@sd35.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Gord Stewart

Superintendent of Schools