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NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

We have received the second water test results from the five schools that previously showed elevated levels of lead. These tests were conducted under normal school use conditions by a certified water testing facility. The results show lead levels within the Health Canada Guidelines in all but two locations. These locations are:

Fort Rupert Elementary - Library sink
Eagle View Elementary - Primary Wing drinking fountain

Until further notice, water from the Fort Rupert Elementary Library sink will not be used for drinking or cooking, and a sign to this effect will be posted. The Eagle View Elementary Primary Wing fountain will continue to be deactivated until a filter for that unit is installed during the summer.

To ensure that water quality remains within the acceptable guidelines, a daily flushing program has been implemented at the five schools originally affected. The program involves turning on selected taps for a minimum of five minutes in the morning before school starts, in order to flush water left standing overnight. As part of the daily flushing process, a record will be kept by the school. Ongoing monitoring of water quality will be undertaken by the School District's Maintenance Department.

Over the summer, properly filtered drinking water fountains will be installed in the affected schools. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-949-8155.

Respectfully,

Darby Gildersleeve
Manager of Operations & Maintenance