



November 13, 2019

**Subject: Testing for lead in drinkable water sources**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may have heard, the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) recently asked that all school boards conduct testing for lead in all drinking water sources in their schools and centres. More recently, we received the instructions of the MEES for testing lead concentration levels as well as a timeline in which the water analysis must be executed. We wish to share with you our plan of action as we move forward.

**Phase 1**

Take inventory and identify all drinkable water sources. (This phase is complete.)

**Phase 2**

Today, we were informed that the Ministry will be providing all school boards with the necessary equipment to conduct the lead testing. As per the MEES letter, we are expecting delivery of this equipment, at the latest, in early 2020, after which we will begin sampling all drinking water sources in each of our buildings. This phase will take place as soon as the equipment is received.

**Phase 3**

In February 2020, we will compile and analyze all the water test results and present our proposed plan of action to implement the necessary corrective measures. In the meantime, we will immediately close drinkable water sources that do not respect the Ministry's standards and install a sign indicating not to drink the water.

The Ministry's deadline for identifying and applying corrective measures is June 23, 2020, for elementary schools and November 1, 2020, for all other buildings.

We are committed to the safety and well-being of all our students and staff and we will keep you informed as we move ahead with the lead testing. Should you have any concerns or questions, please contact your principal or centre director.

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