



February 12, 2020

Subject: Testing for lead in water – Update No. 2

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As a follow-up to our letter sent on [November 13, 2019](#), we would like to inform you that the testing for lead in water is being conducted as scheduled. All drinkable water sources were identified and tests have begun. To date, [16 buildings](#) (317 water outlets) across our territory have been tested. All tests followed the [guidelines](#) and directives of the Ministry of Education.

Of the 317 outlets tested:

- 202 water sources are deemed safe and no intervention is needed
- 58 are deemed safe as long as water runs for one minute at the beginning of each school day
- 41 can only be used to wash hands
- 16 will be condemned/water closed

The results of the tests, as well as the prescribed corrective measures, when these are required, are being communicated to your principal or centre director. The following temporary measures will be applied, as the case may be, until all permanent corrective measures are in place:

- Identifying water sources where water must run for one minute each school day
- Identifying water sources with signs indicating not to drink the water (only use for handwashing)
- Closing off water sources (fountains)

In addition, water dispensers will be temporarily provided where water fountains have been closed off. As such, students who wish to use these dispensers must bring a reusable water bottle.

The Material Resources Department is continuing to test the water outlets in all our buildings, and we will keep you informed as we have the results. The Ministry's deadline for identifying and beginning to apply corrective measures is June 23, 2020, for elementary schools, and November 1, 2020, for all other buildings.

Rest assured that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is fully committed to the safety and well-being of all students and staff. For more information about lead in water, please consult the Ministry's website at <http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/parents-et-tuteurs/references/plomb-dans-leau/> or the Government of Canada's website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/reports-publications/water-quality/what-about-lead.html>.

Should you have any concerns or questions, we invite you to contact your principal or centre director.

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