



**STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To All Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Our school administration has recently learned that water samples taken from some water taps at various school buildings had lead levels that exceeded the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's action level. The administration takes these results seriously and is moving immediately to safeguard the health of the students, parents/guardians, visitors and staff.

The following information describes the steps we are taking to address the issue of lead in the water.

What we have done:

1. Implemented a public information process that includes this letter.
2. Implemented a flushing and water usage plan to safeguard against lead exposure in the schools. This includes the daily flushing of fountains and faucets at sinks and the limitation of water consumption to cold-water faucets.
3. Conducted follow-up testing so that a treatment plan could be developed, approved, and implemented.
4. Developed and put into place a corrective treatment plan and will conduct follow-up tests that will characterize the corrosiveness or aggressiveness of our water.
5. Began a program of piping and fixture replacement in order to permanently eliminate the sources of the elevated levels.
6. Installed warning signs at various locations reminding students and staff to flush fountains and faucets prior to use.

Individual school results are posted on the Stoughton Schools website at [www.stoughtonschools.org](http://www.stoughtonschools.org).

**If you have any questions, please contact Joel Harding at 781-344-4000, extension 1227.**

Sincerely,

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