



Monday, August 30, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of MJ Hobbs Public School

We would like to provide you with some information about our on-going drinking water testing program for lead, and specifically the results for our school. First and foremost, we are committed to ensuring that the water in our schools is safe for students and staff.

Schools and child care centres are subject to lead testing and flushing legislation, Ontario Regulation 243/07. Since 2010, we have used a third-party expert, Cambium Inc., to conduct testing and advise us on water regulatory compliance board-wide. Every faucet used for drinking water or preparing food for children under 18 in the schools have been tested. We have been publicly posting water testing results for each of our schools on our board website, [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca). The link remains on the front page of our website – lower middle of the page (Energy/Water reports) – and it includes all data on lead testing.

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Between May 1 and October 31 each year, Cambium Inc. tests water fixtures in schools across our school board consistent with Ontario Regulation 243/07. The regulation requires two samples taken during the test: a ‘standing’ sample of water that has been sitting in the pipes for at least six hours, and a ‘flushed’ sample after the tap has been allowed to run for a short period. The purpose of the standing sample is to provide results showing lead levels when water is left in the pipes for a minimum of six hours. The purpose of the flushed sample is to provide results following the required flushing program, and this water sample is consistent with the water used by students and staff.

One of the flushed water samples in our school was found to be greater than the acceptable standard. Consistent with provincial regulations, here are the actions we take to resolve any flushed sample greater than the standard: A failed test after flushing (in excess of 10 parts per billion) results in the faucet being ‘bagged’ or removed from service and retested. A favorable result was received in the resample and the faucet will still be placed on an increased flushing schedule (e.g. daily flushing for two years).”

Custodians at schools continue to perform water flushing based on the sample results, consistent with regulatory requirements and on recommendations from our local Medical Officer of Health. This practice will continue to ensure student and staff safety. We extend our appreciation to our custodians in performing flushing procedures to support the health and safety of everyone in our schools.

**As a result of the testing, all taps and fountains used for drinking and food preparation in our school have been tested and are considered safe for consumption.**

If you have any further questions, please contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Van Den Oetelaar  
Principal, MJ Hobbs Public School