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Dear Parents and Staff,

I would like to express my appreciation for the concerns raised about the water issues in schools. I want to assure all staff and parents that the District takes the matter very seriously and intends to have the issue fully addressed in the short term.

I have had a number of questions regarding the District's recent lead testing. Given the questions, I felt that it was appropriate to provide information further to the memos provided at the Operations meeting which are also attached for convenience.

The District currently has a four part plan to address the issue on a short and long-term basis:

1. Direct our custodians at schools with post-flush concerns to perform a longer flush of the system in the morning and then flushes throughout the day;
2. Hire an external testing company to confirm our results;
3. Install automatic flushing systems where appropriate;
4. Replace water fountains in impacted schools with fountains with sufficient filtration systems and install filtration in water sources used for drinking (e.g. staffrooms).

Question: What is flushing?

Answer: It is the process of expelling water that has been sitting for a time.

Question: Why do you flush?

Answer: Flushing expels sitting water and any settled sediments.

Question: My school is a school with a pre-flush issue but not a post-flush issue what does this mean?

Answer: This means that the precautionary measures taken by the District to expel water prior to the beginning of school are effective.

Question: My school is a school with a post-flush issue, what does this mean?

Answer: This means that the lead levels in the water testing conducted internally by the District were above acceptable limits at the time of the testing.

Question: Will you be closing down water fountains in the impacted facilities?


Answer: No, the District feels that with more thorough flushing throughout the day that the issue in the short term (to the end of school) can be addressed.

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Question: How are you addressing the problem?

Answer: By installing appropriate filtration in impacted facilities.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Loveridge", written in a cursive style.

David Loveridge, CD1 BEng PEng

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All Principals