



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

May 1, 2017

To the Students, Families, and Staff of the **Westport Elementary School**,

DR. ANN MARIE DARGON
Superintendent
508-636-1140

In January we notified you that during recent samplings for lead and copper, some water taps at our school had lead levels that exceed the Massachusetts Action Level for lead in drinking water at schools and early education and child care facilities.

MS. MICHELLE RAPOZA
Business Manager,
Student Services &
Transportation
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We notified you that we were working closely with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and that we were taking remedial action.

MS. ELAINE SANTOS
Special Education
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Please note that no water coolers/bubblers in the school were found to have lead or copper in the water.

MR. JOHN DEFUSCO
Grants Coordinator
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Recently 20 sites at the Westport Elementary School were retested. Fifteen out of 20 passed; five did not. Three sites failed for lead and copper, one site failed for just lead and one site failed for just copper. Upon finding out the test results, the five sites were valved off and signage was put up indicating "Faucet Closed". Yesterday we were directed by the DEP to take raw water samples at the WES for pH, Calcium and Alkalinity. These samples were taken to the lab which will hopefully give us some answers for possible treatment for lead and copper.

MR. MICHAEL DUARTE
District Maintenance
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The administration takes these results very seriously and is moving immediately to safeguard the health of the students, faculty and staff.

MS. KIM OUELLETTE
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A Reminder: The water system at the school is not unlike water systems found in other buildings. Older plumbing systems and fixtures, especially, can contain lead pipes or solder that can allow lead to enter tap water. If you have questions about lead in your home's water supply, and are using a private well, you can have your water tested. If you are receiving water from a public water system (i.e., if you pay a water bill) you can call your local water department for information or check the Consumer Confidence Report sent out by the public water supplier annually.

MS. DONNA LAMONTAGNE
Extended Day
Coordinator
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We will continue to keep you updated.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Dargon, Ed.D