



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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Dear School District No. 57 (Prince George) Parents, Staff and Friends:

***The purpose of this communication is to inform you regarding the ongoing provision of safe drinking water to our students and staff.***

As reported to the public on July 7, 2016, between May 18, 2016 and June 9, 2016, water in all School District No. 57 (Prince George) active schools and Central Administrative offices was tested for concentrations of lead in accordance with Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines (2014) standards.

June 2016 testing results identified seven facilities as having lead levels greater than those established in the Guidelines, ***Edgewood Elementary, Foothills Elementary, Heritage Elementary, Kool Kats Daycare, Nukko Lake Elementary, Nusdeh Yoh Elementary and Pineview Elementary.*** The consultant's report indicated that daily flushing of the water systems at these facilities would address the higher than acceptable lead concentrations, however, further study of the situation was planned for these identified sites with a view toward water quality and safety.

A second round of water sample testing was conducted by L & M Engineering throughout the summer with their report being communicated to School District No. 57 (Prince George) on August 17, 2016. Concerns continue to exist for ***Edgewood Elementary, Foothills Elementary, Heritage Elementary, Kool Kats Daycare, Nukko Lake Elementary, Nusdeh Yoh Elementary and Pineview Elementary.*** The source of contaminants is being investigated with appropriate action responses planned.

**In locations where continuing concerns have been identified, sourced drinking water will be supplied.** Drinking fountains will be disabled and signage asking students and staff not to drink from the taps will be posted. School District No 57 (Prince George) will continue to communicate with you regarding our progress in this area and safe drinking water will be provided until testing indicates that our water has met with Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines (2014) standards.

Your cooperation in discussing this situation with your children is greatly appreciated. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

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