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Our Lady of Good Counsel Water Testing Policy

The Ministry of Education requires that we have our OLG School drinking water tested to ensure that its quality complies with water management best practices and the Drinking Water Protection Act. The drinking water supply at OLG School will be tested annually by an accredited testing lab to ensure that it is safe and free of lead and other contaminants.

Procedure:

- Contact the testing lab. The lab will send out bottles for water samples collection along with specific instructions on how to collect the samples. (Currently Caro Labs)
- Once samples are collected, they must be sent to the Lab.

Water test results will be communicated to the Ministry of Education via the reporting tool and to the Fraser Health Authority.

If sample results reveal lead levels exceed concentration of 0.005 (as per Health Canada updates from 0.010 mg/L) OLG School, in consultation with the Fraser Health Authority, will undertake mitigation strategies which may include:

1. Flushing regimes
2. Deactivation of water sources and supplemental signage
3. Installation of filtration systems
4. Plumbing upgrades
5. Or other steps that result in reducing the exposure to lead to acceptable levels

In the event that testing finds drinking water concentrations of lead at or above the maximum acceptable level, OLG School will:

- a. Immediately inform the Independent Schools Branch of the issue
- b. Work collaboratively with the Fraser Health Authority to communicate the results of testing lead content in drinking water to parents, students and staff by describing the following:
 - rationale for testing lead in drinking water,
 - identify partnership with Fraser Health Authority to work toward a solution,
 - state results of sampling,
 - identify mitigation strategies implemented or being consider by the authority, and
 - provide contact information for the authority and the Regional Health Authority for parents, students and staff to request further information.