



HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that during the summer months, the water systems in all of our Board schools were tested for lead as required annually under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, Schools, Private Schools and Day Nurseries Regulation (O. Reg. 243/07)*. The results of the water analysis taken at our schools indicate that the **water is safe to drink at all Board schools**.

Water samples were taken from our elementary and secondary schools over this summer and sent to Maxxam Analytics Inc. for lead analysis. All Board schools tested had results below the regulation limit of 10 micrograms/litre in the samples taken after 5 minutes of flushing ("FLUSHED" sample).

Individual school lead laboratory analysis results are available at each school and all school results can be viewed on the Board's public website (www.hcdsb.org on the left-hand side, under Information/Student Programs & Services/Regulation 243/07 – Lead Analysis Results).

In accordance with the legislated requirements of the Ministry of the Environment, staff will flush the drinking water plumbing systems on a weekly basis in locations where the plumbing was installed after January 1, 1990 and daily flushing will continue in all locations where plumbing was installed before January 1, 1990 for the 2008-2009 school year. As well, records are being kept at each school of the date and time of every required flushing and the name of the person who performed the flushing.

More detailed information about Regulation 243/07 and the Board's compliance with this regulation is outlined in Staff Report 9.1: *Safe Drinking Water Act, Schools, Private Schools and Day Nurseries Regulation (O. Reg. 243/07) Drinking Water Lead Results 2008* in the Full Report of the September 2, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, which can be viewed at www.hcdsb.org/meetings, starting at page 15.

If you have any concerns about lead in drinking water, please contact the Halton Region Health Department at (905) 825-6000, ext. 7884. Questions regarding our Board's implementation of *Regulation 243/07* should be directed to myself at (905) 632-6300, ext. 171 or corbaciog@hcdsb.org.

Once again, the Board appreciates your understanding and commitment as staff continue to provide the best education possible for your children in a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent, Facility Management Services

cc Nicole Mathews, Health Protection Services, Halton Region Health Department