



School District No. 60

PEACE RIVER NORTH

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Dear Community Members

In the spring the Ministry of Education requested that school districts work to ensure the quality of drinking water available in their facilities. Districts are working with their local health authorities to establish programs that systematically evaluate water quality, especially in facilities built before 1989 when there was a revision to the BC Plumbing Code that limited the use of lead solder in pipes. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about what SD 60 is doing to ensure all schools are provided with a safe water supply.

Initial testing of SD 60 facilities last spring found all sites to be in compliance with the established parameters for safe drinking water. Subsequent to further testing at all sites after the summer closure period, the district is establishing a systematic program of flushing water lines at sites where water sitting in pipes for an extended period increases the risk of lead exposure to the water system. **The district is committed to providing safe clean water at all sites for our students and staff.**

Following the direction of the local health authority, all schools are tested twice: once before flushing water lines and again after running the water for more than two minutes. Test results vary from site to site. All but four district sites were found to be within established parameters at all times. All sites tested safely within Health Canada limits when water lines are flushed. Test results are calculated and provided by an accredited independent laboratory and district staff have been advised that establishing and maintaining regulated flushing regimes will keep the water supply safe.

The district continues to develop an ongoing safety plan to ensure safe water is always available at all our facilities. Testing and flushing programs are being set in place to guarantee our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe water supply. Information about water quality in our schools, including the reported test results for each site are attached with this letter. Further information will be made available to staff and the public as it becomes available. The district takes its responsibility to maintain safe facilities very seriously. Operations and district staff will continue to keep everyone advised of what is found and what is being done to monitor and maintain ongoing water safety.

Sincerely

Mr Dave Sloan
Superintendent of Schools
SD 60 (Peace River North)

School District 60 Drinking Water Lead Sample Results

School	Post Summer Sampling (mg/L) (preflushing)	Operational Sampling (mg/L)
Alwin Holland Elementary	0.0021	0.000252
Baldonnel Elementary	0.000864	0.000758
Bert Ambrose Elementary	0.00323	0.000452
Bert Bowes Middle School	0.0103	0.00043
Buick Creek Elementary	0.00328	0.00093
Charlie Lake Elementary	0.00793	0.000157
Clearview Elementary/Jr. Secondary School	0.00122	0.000775
CM Finch Elementary	0.00834	0.000245
Dr. Kearney Middle School	0.00717	0.000192
Duncan Cran Elementary	0.00084	0.000102
Ecole Central Elementary	0.013	0.000413
Hudson's Hope Elementary/Secondary School	0.00365	0.000173
Key Learning Centre/NBCDES	0.00525	0.000487
North Peace Secondary School	0.00238	0.000138
Prespatou Elementary/Secondary School	0.00222	0.000348
Robert Ogilvie Elementary	0.00155	0.000641
Taylor Elementary	0.00754	0.000372
Technology Ed/Aboriginal Education Centre	0.00156	0.000689
Upper Halfway Elementary	0.014	0.00253
Upper Pine Elementary/Jr. Secondary School	0.00113	0.000239
Wonowon Elementary	0.0133	0.000974

The maximum allowable concentration of lead levels in drinking water as per the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality by Health Canada is 0.010 mg/L