Greater Essex County District School Board

Policy: Monitoring of Lead Levels in Drinking Water

Reference No: P-BA-33

The Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB) is committed to maintaining schools as safe, quality learning and teaching environments for our students and staff.

Under Ontario Regulation 243/07 entitled “Schools, Private Schools and Child Care Centres” enacted under the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act 2002, all school boards are required to test each school’s water annually to monitor lead levels. Acceptable lead levels, are provincially mandated, are to be less than 10 parts per billion or 10 ug/L. When lead levels exceed provincial limits, school boards must immediately notify the local Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks’ Spills Action Centre, and the Ministry of Education of the exceedance and the corrective actions taken.

The GECDSB will maintain and follow a communication protocol to inform school staff, parents, guardians and caregivers of lead level exceedances and corrective actions taken.