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Dear William McDonald School Staff and Families,

I am pleased to inform you that the Public Health Order regarding water consumption at William McDonald School has been lifted. Over the summer and into the fall, the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 staff have been working closely with ECE, and regularly consulting with the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer to address the concerns over lead levels in the water. The specific measures taken to bring the drinking water to safe levels include:

- Replacement of sink faucets with lead-free fixtures
- Each new faucet also has an under-sink filter that is rated to remove lead
- All water fountains were updated with a similar filter system

The most recent water tests have confirmed the safety of the water for consumption. I would like to express my appreciation to ECE, the Department of Infrastructure, Municipal and Community Affairs, and the OCPHO for their work on this. I would also like to thank the YK1 maintenance department staff who did the work of installing necessary upgrades. Finally, thank you to the staff of William McDonald for their professionalism as we worked to put these measures in place.

Thank you for your patience as we worked to put these measures in place. We will continue to work with ECE as they continue to test the water across the Territories, and develop protocols to keep students and staff in our schools safe.

Sincerely,

Shirley Zouboules
Superintendent/CEO, YK1