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**Update on Lead Testing in Drinking Water at École William MacDonald
Middle School and Range Lake North School**

Dear Students, Parents/Families, and Staff,

We are writing to provide a brief update on the ongoing testing of drinking water sources at YK1 schools.

YK1 continues to work closely with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) to ensure the safety of drinking water in schools. As part of this collaboration, additional sampling of all potable water sources will take place at École William McDonald Middle School on Thursday morning, and at Range Lake North School on Friday morning. This sampling aligns to protocols approved by the OCPHO and outlined in the Health Canada [Guidance on Sampling and Mitigation Measures for Controlling Lead Corrosion](#) document.

Sampling will be conducted by Stantec Consulting Ltd. and will occur before staff and students arrive at the schools (approximately 5:30 a.m.).

Once the test results have been received and reviewed, we will share further information with school staff, students, and families. Alternative water sources are still in use at both locations to ensure access to safe drinking water. In the meantime, please contact the ECE via email at educationoperations@gov.nt.ca if you have any questions or would like further information related to the testing program.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Thank you,

Shirley Zouboules, Superintendent
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