



Yellowknife Catholic Schools

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Update: Public Health Order Revoked for École St. Joseph School Drinking Water

Dear ESJS Families,

Yellowknife Catholic Schools is pleased to announce that the Public Health Order regarding lead mitigation in the drinking water at École St. Joseph School has been **formally revoked by the Chief Environmental Health Officer, effective August 26, 2026.**

Following comprehensive remediation work and rigorous testing, drinking water samples submitted on August 21, 2026, confirmed that satisfactory actions have been taken to ensure all health standards are met.

What You Need to Know:

- **Primary Fixtures Reopened:** Designated drinking fountains, kitchen fixtures, and primary consumption points have been fully remediated, tested, and cleared for normal use.
- **Restricted Fixtures:** Fixtures not intended for drinking will continue to display permanent "Do Not Consume" signage. Students and staff should only use designated water fountains and drinking stations.
- **Long-Term Safety Plan:** In line with recommendations from the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer, YCS is collaborating with infrastructure specialists to maintain a routine filter replacement schedule and conduct ongoing, periodic testing to ensure long-term water quality.

We appreciate the support of the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, the Environmental Health Unit, and our school community in prioritizing the health and safety of our students and staff.

For further questions regarding the official public health notice, you may contact the Environmental Health Unit at environmental_health@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

Adam Murray
Superintendent

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