



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Longfellow Administration Center

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Dr. Keith W. Hiltz, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Wausau School District Parents/Guardians and Staff:

As you know the safety of our students and staff continues to be our top priority here at the Wausau School District. Out of an abundance of caution, we are going to be shutting down the water fountains in all of our schools located within the City of Wausau - not Hewitt-Texas, Maine, South Mountain, or Rib Mountain. This comes after we learned on Wednesday that PFAS were detected in the city of Wausau's wells.

Please know the Wausau School District will have a limited supply of bottled water available for now, but we encourage you to send along water with your students if you can. We are working on a long-term plan and hope to share more information about that soon.

As we mentioned yesterday, our main food production kitchens within the Wausau School District are already equipped with reverse osmosis systems that mitigate PFAS so food cooked within our buildings is safe.

The PFAS levels detected in the city's wells exceed the DNR's proposed future drinking water standard, but it's important to note there are no drinking water standards for PFAS right now.

We will continue to work with the City of Wausau and Marathon County Health Department. If anything changes, we will let you know right away.

Thank you,
Wausau School District Administration

It is the mission of the Wausau School District to advance student learning, achievement, and success.