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Dear families and staff of Parkway School:

Greenwich Public School's environmental consultant is conducting sampling for emerging contaminants in drinking water at Parkway School and a town-leased building close-by following an initial test that may have detected elevated levels. Drinking water samples have been collected to test for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has recommended public water systems test for PFAS.

Samples at Parkway School will be analyzed for PFAS compounds using standardized EPA Methods. When sample results are available, we will share these results. We will also conduct follow up activities, as necessary.

Out of an abundance of caution, while GPS' facilities department, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, waits for the results, all water fountains in the school building will be shut down. Faucets for washing hands and toilets in the bathrooms will still be operational. The [Connecticut Department of Public Health](#) has said that PFAS are not readily absorbed by skin, therefore washing hands remains safe.

If water fountains remain off once school begins, Parkway will have a large supply of bottled water on hand for students and staff. We do ask, if possible, that as you prepare your back to school shopping, you may want to bring your own filled water bottle to school each day if the water fountains remain off for an extended time.

We apologize for this inconvenience, and we will provide an update as soon as possible.

Dr. Toni Jones
Superintendent of Schools