

August 29, 2023

Dear families and staff of Parkway School:

Earlier this month, we alerted you to a possible issue regarding Parkway's drinking water. Testing results have confirmed that contaminants, or [PFAS](#), are above the regulatory limits. As we emailed you before, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has recommended public water systems now test for PFAS.

The district has immediately begun working on solutions with our consultants and the DPH, including the process of acquiring a proper filtration system, to restore safe drinking water back into the building. All water fountains in the school building will remain off indefinitely. Faucets for washing hands and toilets in the bathrooms will continue to be operational. The [Connecticut DPH](#) has said that PFAS are not readily absorbed by skin, therefore washing hands remains safe.

In addition, the Food Services Department has been given direction from DPH on what is and is not acceptable with our kitchen operations. Parkway water will not be utilized for cooking items, such as pasta, but is safe for other activities such as washing dishes.

Parkway now has a large supply of bottled water on hand for students and staff. However, we do ask staff and students, if possible, to bring their own filled water bottle to school each day.

We once again apologize for this inconvenience, and we will continue to provide updates as needed. As always, we will keep the community informed as the solution is designed and implemented.

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Superintendent of Schools