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Dear St. Mary's Elementary Parents/Guardians,

As students head back to classes this week, please be advised that your school is in the service area of the Petty Harbour Long Pond water supply for the City of St. John's. As such, we are impacted by the recent issue of discoloured water due to a heightened level of manganese. While manganese is a very common, naturally-occurring chemical compound, there are concerns when consumed in high levels over a prolonged period of time.

As a result of the City's advice to not consume water that may be discoloured, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is taking the precautionary measure of providing the school with bottled water for drinking purposes. All water fountains will also be shut off for the duration of the advisory. We ask you to discuss this matter with your children for their awareness as they head back to classes.

More information is available from the City of St. John's website, available at the following link: [Resources for Residents - Petty Harbour Long Pond Water](#).

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Regards,



Lucy Warren
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