

**BETHANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

By now I am sure you are all aware of the fact that a water leak caused the problem today that resulted in the emergency early dismissal. The leak is in the line that runs from the wells to Annex I, Annex II and Annex III. The valve to that line was shut off and the pumps easily refilled the water tank restoring water to the main school building. Work will continue on Wednesday morning with specialized equipment to find the exact location of the leak and to then perform the appropriate repair. Until that repair is completed Annex I, II and III will not have water. We do believe that there is a strong possibility the repair will be completed on Wednesday. School will be in session on Wednesday.

The following plan will be in place starting Wednesday morning. Bottled drinking water will be available in all classrooms. Parents and guardians may send bottled water from home for their children if they wish. In consultation with Mr. Spino, teachers in grades 3, 5, and 6 will plan for their students to use the bathroom facilities available in the C-wing corridor and/or near the gymnasium and Library Media Center. In addition, groups of two or three students in grades 5 and 6 will be able to use bathroom facilities in Town Hall as necessary since Town Hall is in such close proximity to Annex I and II. Chartwells staff will boil any water that is to be used for cooking. When the repair is completed water will again be flowing to Annex I, II, and III and therefore the bathrooms will be in working order once more. I fully expect this situation to be resolved quickly. I have reviewed this plan with Quinnipiac Valley Health District personnel who are supportive and will continue to be available to provide assistance.

Once the repair to the water line is completed the entire system will be chlorinated for the appropriate period of time by our Certified Water Operator, Hungerford. The system will then be flushed and the water tested. Once that has been completed to the satisfaction of the Health Department the water will be cleared for drinking and cooking. It may take until the end of the week to complete these steps required by law, however, we are hoping it will be sooner. I will notify you as soon as we have reached that point.

Thank you all for your cooperation today during this unusual set of circumstances. Health regulations and good practice in public health dictated that students be dismissed as soon as possible after confirmation of the problem. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and volunteers who stepped in to make dozens of phone calls to parents, guardians and emergency contacts. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Timothy F. Connellan*

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