

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Longfellow Administration Center

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Good afternoon, Wausau School District Parents/Guardians and Staff:

We would like to share an update about the Wausau School District's plan to address concerns about city drinking water supply. Since we received word that all of the City of Wausau's wells contained PFAS, the Wausau School District has been working around the clock to make sure the water within our schools is as safe as it can be for both students and staff.

We are in the process of leasing point of use water filtration systems that will be installed on some of the drinking fountains in each of our affected schools. They will remain there until the new City of Wausau's water treatment plant is on line. Those systems will mitigate PFAS - ensuring safer water. Please know we will clearly label which fountains have the filters so there's no confusion.

As we work to get those systems installed, please continue to send along water with your students in the meantime. We will let you know when those fountains are up and running.

As a reminder, this only applies to our schools that use water from the City of Wausau's wells. This does not apply to Hewitt-Texas, Maine, South Mountain, Rib Mountain, or the Wausau School Forest as they pull water from different wells.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility.

Thank you, Wausau School District Administration

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