Section	SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS	
Policy Name	BOIL WATER ADVISORY	534

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POLICY

Boil water advisories are public announcements advising the public that they should boil their tap water for drinking and for other uses. They are preventative measures issued to protect public health from waterborne infectious agents that could be or are known to be present in drinking water. Boil water advisories are issued by either the local public health unit or other responsible authority, or by the water utility.

In the event of a boil water advisory, the principal or designate must abide by the directions given by the appropriate authority.

PROCEDURES

1.0   Responsibilities of the Principal or Designate

1.1   Arrange for bottled water to be available for students, staff and visitors use.

1.2   Post signs indicating the problem with the water system. The signs should be posted in areas where students may have access to untreated water e.g. washrooms, drinking fountains

1.3   Arrange for all water systems to be turned off if possible.

1.4   The drinking fountains should be taken out of service. If possible the fountains should be turned off. If it is not possible to turn the water supply off to the fountains, then they should be covered in plastic and rendered inoperable.

1.5   Periodic announcements should be made informing the students and staff of the water situation.

1.6   Notify the Board office of the Advisory.

1.7   The principal of designate should maintain communication with appropriate authorities to determine when the boil Water Advisory is cancelled.

1.8   Cancel the boil water advisory only when deemed appropriate by the appropriate authorities (i.e., Ministry of Health official, Ministry of the Environment official or Municipal official).

1.9   Ensure that all water systems are run for an adequate amount of time in order to ensure that contaminated water is flushed out of the system.