



MassDEP Honors Teamwork by LWD and LPS to Test School Water

The teamwork of the Littleton Water Department and the Littleton Public Schools in testing drinking water in schools has won recognition by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. LWD personnel sampled water in the schools, advised the school administration on remedies to address any elevated contaminant levels, and all school faucets and taps passed the most recent testing.

LWD received the *Systems Taking Action to Reduce Lead Award* (STAR L) at an event May 7th hosted by the New England Water Works Association at the Devens Common Center. Littleton was one of two water suppliers receiving the STAR L award.

"It is our belief that public water systems going above and beyond what is required to supply quality drinking water should be recognized for their endeavors," stated Yvette dePeiza, Program Director of MassDEP's Drinking Water Program, in a letter announcing the honor. "MassDEP recognizes the effort that your system has demonstrated to educate and work with the schools in your community."

LWD had assisted Littleton schools with sampling of water at 230 faucets used for drinking and food preparation at Shaker Lane Elementary, Russell Street Elementary, Littleton Middle and Littleton High schools. The samples were tested for the presence of lead and copper, which can be introduced to the water supply by older plumbing and fixtures inside of buildings.

"We thank the MassDEP for recognizing the work of LWD's professional staff in assisting the Littleton Public Schools to ensure the water is safe for the students. Our goal is to provide clean and reliable drinking water to all our customers, and we will assist any customer who has concerns that old plumbing or fixtures inside the building may contaminate their water," said Nick Lawler, General Manager of LELWD.

"As a community, Littleton has made the health and education of its children a priority, and that commitment carries over to the partnership between Littleton Schools and Littleton Water to assure the quality of the water in our public schools. Whether testing water or hosting our students on field trips at their facilities, LWD is always a ready partner in our joint mission to serve the residents of Littleton," said Kelly Clenchy, Superintendent of the Littleton Public Schools.



The Littleton Water Department and the Littleton Public Schools were honored for their partnership in testing school drinking water by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Services on May 7 at the Devens Common Center. (Left to right) MassDEP Commissioner Marty Suuberg, Steve Mark, Business Manager of the LPS, Kevin Hunt, LWD's Water Systems Manager, and Robert Bostwick, Drinking Water Section Chief, MassDEP Central Regional Office.

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