



## ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, October 2, 2017, the district had a conference call with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to discuss the continued water issue at The Royalston Community School. The DEP reported they received two treated water samples in September and both came back clean. The DEP, however, is still waiting for raw water sample results from the water testing company, Housatonic. In addition, the DEP is looking for a further explanation as to why the water was contaminated to begin with.

In response to the conference call and recommendations from the DEP, the district is now seeking an engineering firm to review the source of the original contamination. The district has contacted the local water department for a recommendation. In addition, Housatonic will be contacted to ensure the raw water test samples and results are sent over to DEP as soon as possible.

The district will continue to make sure the school has a weeks worth of bottled water until the problem is resolved. Our first goal is always to ensure our staff and students are not exposed to unhealthy drinking water. We will continue to be in touch with you as we receive further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darcy Fernandes".

Darcy Fernandes  
Superintendent