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I am writing to notify you about the water quality at Valley Regional High School and John Winthrop Middle School. First and foremost, the drinking water at both schools is safe for consumption.

The water for both schools is supplied by on-site wells and is routinely tested in accordance with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) requirements. This ensures that the water is the highest quality and meets all CT State Drinking water standards for public water systems.

Recent testing of the water at Valley Regional High School detected trace amounts of Dieldrin and Endrin, common insecticides that were used from the 1950's through the 1980's. The wells at John Winthrop Middle School have been tested and showed no trace of any insecticide. At no point did the levels detected at Valley Regional High School exceed or approach any applicable federal or state regulatory action levels which may have required us to take action. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with DPH and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), we have installed a filtration system to eliminate any traces of the insecticides in our water. Testing has confirmed that the installed filtration system successfully removed all traces of the insecticides.

The Region 4 Schools have been and will continue to work closely with DPH and DEEP, to maintain the highest level of safety for our schools and will continue testing our water above and beyond what is required.

We are committed to keeping you informed about this important issue in the days ahead. The safety of our entire school community is of highest priority. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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