Administrative Procedure 4980

SINGLE USE COMMERCIALY
BOTTLED WATER

Responsibility: Coordinating Superintendent, Business Services & Treasurer of the Board

Legal References:

Related References: Board Policy 2000 - Environmental Values

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1. Preamble

The Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) is committed to reducing the use of bottled water within its schools and facilities.

2. Procedures:

1.1 All WRDSB sites will refrain from the purchase and/or sale of commercially bottled, single use plastic containers.

1.2 Allowed exceptions to the above will include:
   1.2.1 Field trips or excursions or places where local sources of water may be unavailable or unreliable.
   1.2.2 There are extenuating circumstances where the safety of a student or staff member is at risk.

1.3 The provision of this procedure applies equally to individuals or companies who operate contracts with the schools, (e.g. cafeteria, vending, catering).

1.4 Fundraising and other events are to be consistent with this direction.

1.5 Every WRDSB site, to the extent possible, should make water from local sources available for consumption.

1.6 Every WRDSB site should encourage the use of reusable containers for all personnel.

1.7 Beverages substituted for water and made available to students and staff should be of nutritional benefit.

1.8 Persons bringing any beverage in a single use container to a WRDSB site should be encouraged to utilize recycling or to remove their container to be disposed of appropriately.