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Dear ESM Community:

As you may have learned recently, on September 6, 2016, Governor Cuomo signed into law new requirements to test water for lead contamination in public schools. National concerns last year with institutional water quality prompted the law, which was approved by New York's lawmakers.

The new legislation requires all schools to conduct testing and report results and any necessary remediation. The elementary school testing must be completed by the end of September 2016, and the Middle School/High School testing must be completed by the end of October 2016. Notification of results is to be made within ten days of receipt by the district.

We are working with our partners at BOCES to conduct the testing. (The State is paying for the testing and any required remediation through existing school aid.) As you can imagine, an enormous amount of testing is underway for the State's more than 700 school districts, which is causing several weeks-long delay in the analysis being delivered to the districts. Therefore, you can expect results to be communicated to you as we receive them, by school, in accordance with the law. Results will be emailed to each school community as they are received.

ESM's community residents have long placed a priority on healthy, safe school environments, having committed many times over to infrastructure renovation and high-performing school buildings. While we anticipate no major findings of this testing, it is entirely likely that some test results will require local remediation (for instance, replacement of water fountains, sink faucets, or local area piping). We do not believe this should be any cause for significant concern.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

John Young
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