GLASSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS GLASSBORO, NEW JERSEY

TO: Mark Silverstein

FROM: Scott Henry

DATE: September 5, 2017

RE: Agenda Item for September 27, 2017

Based on the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the attached Action Plan to remediate lead in drinking water. Plan will be reviewed in Operations Committee.

MacMichael, Mary

To:

Silverstein, Mark

Subject:

FW: Inquirer OPRA request: water testing

From: Lai, Jonathan < <u>ilai@phillynews.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 7:13 PM

To: Silverstein, Mark

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Hi,

I'm a reporter with the *Inquirer*. Please accept this as a records request under New Jersey's Open Public Records Act. I understand you may not be the custodian of records — please forward this request to the appropriate person, as per OPRA.

My request is for the following:

New Jersey required school districts to test water outlets for lead by July 13, 2017. (See http://www.nj.gov/education/lead/).

Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water - New Jersey

www.nj.gov

On July 13, 2016, the State Board of Education adopted regulations regarding testing for lead in drinking water in public schools throughout New Jersey.

- I am seeking copies of all test results for lead in water conducted under that law.
- If an exemption was sought with the state, I am seeking a copy of those letters or exemption requests.
- If reimbursement was requested from the state, I am seeking copies of those reimbursement requests.
- I am seeking copies of any "statement of assurance" sent to the New Jersey Department of Education.

I am not preapproving any costs. If any costs are expected, please contact me at jlai@phillynews.com or 215-854-4541 to discuss. I am seeking copies of these records electronically, via email attachment. If that is not possible, please contact me to discuss.

If there are any questions about this request, I am happy to clarify. Please feel free to contact me.

My name is Jonathan Lai and my address is 53 Haddonfield Road, Suite 300, Cherry Hill, NJ, 08002. I've not been convicted of an indictable offense.

Jonathan

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Glassboro Public Schools Lead in Drinking Water Action Plan

BACKGROUND

On July 13, 2016 the State Board of Education adopted regulations regarding testing for lead in drinking water in public schools. The regulations require testing in all drinking water outlets within 365 days of the effective date of the regulations. All districts were to develop a lead sampling plan to govern the collection and analysis of drinking water samples. Samples were to be sent to a certified testing laboratory for analysis. The results of these tests must be available at the school facility and on the district website. In addition, NJDOE is to be notified of all outlets that exceed the exceeds the maximum permissible lead level. And the measures to be taken to ensure that adequate drinking water has been made available to all students and staff.

TESTING

On February 22, 2106 the Board authorized a contract with the district's environmental consultant, Environmental Design, Inc. to provide services related to lead testing in drinking water outlets. A sampling plan was developed and samples were collected at all identified outlets during June 2017. Samples were sent to EMSL Analytical, Inc. for analysis. Outlets exceeding the maximum permissible lead level of 15 parts per billion and remedial actions taken are detailed in the chart below:

School	Location/Description	OutletCode	Lead Level (ppb)	Remedial Action
Beach Administration Building	Water Fountain in hall	WF001	47.1	Turned Off
Beach Administration Building	Sink in Mechanical (Room 9)	S004	24.7	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted.
Beach Administration Building	Ice Machine in Mechanical (Room 9)	IM005	26.2	Turned Off
Dorothy L. Bullock Elementary School	Sink A-14	5013	54.1	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted.
Dorothy L. Bullock Elementary School	Bubbler A-14	8013	31.7	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Dorothy L. Bullock Elementary School	Sink Kitchen	S026	93.7	Flush sample taken, outlet taken out of service
Dorothy L. Bullock Elementary School	Sink C-41	S066	65.8	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted

Dorothy L. Bullock	Sink C-40			"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Elementary School		5067	50.2	5 a.m., a.g., posted
Glassboro High School	Sink E106	S003	36.0	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Bathroom Sink Nurse	5004	22.0	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Sink A131 (exterior wall)	5008	31.2	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Sink A141	S00 9	15.9	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Sink Λ138	S016	69.4	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	WF across from A137	WF004	879.0	Turned Off
Glassboro High School	Sink in Backstage Dressing Room (E102B)	S025	58.6	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	WF across from B103	WF007	104.0	Turned Off
Glassboro High School	Sink B112C	\$028	19.1	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Sink Kitchen	S041	35.2	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Sink Kitchen	S042	40.7	Fixture changed, outlet retested Results within acceptable limits
Glassboro High School	Sink C107	5055	16.7	B. 1
	Hose Bib outside	***************************************	15.7	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	A102	HB002	92.6	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Hose Bib- outside A145	HB004	47.8	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Hose Bib - outside A144	HB005	539.0	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Hose Bib - outside B116	HB007	26.2	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Hose Bib (Concession Stand)	HB008	18.3	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Sink C108	S057	16.2	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Sink Vice Principal Bathroom	S05 9	99.0	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro High School	Sink Lady Locker Room Office	S062	48.8	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Jassboro ntermediate School	WF in Hall outside 213	WF004	66.8	Turned Off
Blassboro ntermediate School	Boys restroom sink; by Room 202	S028	88.9	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted

Glassboro Intermediate School	Sink B05	5034	77.6	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro Intermediate School	Sink in PAC1 (ANNEX)	S035	27.1	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro Intermediate School	Sink in PAC1 (ANNEX)	S036	67.2	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Glassboro Intermediate School	Sink Girl's restroom (ANNEX)	S038	98.3	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
J. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Sink B-3A bathroom	\$009	17.8	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
J. Harvey Rodgers Flementary School	Sink B-3B bathroom	S010	28.2	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
J. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Sink B 2A Bathroum	S012	126.0	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
J. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Sink B 2	S014	745.0	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
J. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Sink B 5	S017	18.7	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
J. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Bubbler 8-5	8004	80.3	Fixture Removed
J. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Bubbler B 8	8005	19.3	Fiixture removed
J. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Sink A-8	5029	16.1	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
J. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Hose Bib- outside Kitchen Area	H8002	1730.0	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
l. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Hose Bib in courtyard	HB003	79.2	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
l. Harvey Rodgers Elementary School	Hose Bib outside A-8	HB004	38.6	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Thomas E. Bowe Ilementary School	Bubbler in Media Office	8001	459.0	Fixture Removed
Thomas E. Bowe Tementary School	Sink D103	S005	246.0	"Hand Washing Only " sign posted
Thomas E. Bowe Hementary School	WF in Hall by C132	WF004	29.0	Outlet refested, results now within acceptable Limits.

Test results have been posted on the district website and are available at each school. Parents have received a letter detailing the outlets that exceeded the maximum permissible lead level and the corrective actions taken. The NJDOE has also been notified.

The fact that excessive lead levels were not detected at every outlet would seem to point to individual fixtures or fittings as the source of the contamination.