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Good Afternoon,

The Smyrna School District participated in the Department of Education (DOE) and Department of Public Health (DPH) lead testing initiative in October 2020. Our district was made aware this summer of two Smyrna schools which had lead test results, from the October 2020 testing, requiring intervention and follow-up; John Bassett Moore Intermediate and Smyrna Middle (both schools had non-consumption water sources identified with an elevated level of lead). Upon receiving this data, the district collaborated with DPH and our water quality vendor to mitigate this risk to students and others. Guidance from both organizations was followed to ensure the water provided to our students was safe for consumption.

I sent a letter on October 6th, 2022 to the parents and staff of the impacted schools that summarized this information and indicated that follow-up testing would be conducted. District administration worked with DPH to arrange follow up lead testing. On October 12th, 2022, DPH collected water samples from John Bassett Moore Intermediate and Smyrna Middle. The samples were taken from a variety of locations in each building (including drinking water sources). The district received the results from those tests on October 26th. The testing revealed that we do not have elevated levels of lead in either building and no further action was recommended. This information, once again, was shared with the parents and staff.

In an effort to share more information about this initiative, the Delaware Department of Education requested districts and charters share information about the lead testing initiative and their virtual Town Hall meeting scheduled for tonight. Please see the attached letter from DOE and DHSS that discusses this in more detail.

Sincerely,



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