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November 18, 2016

John Blain,
Superintendent of Schools
School District 68
395 Wakesiah Avenue
Nanaimo, BC V9R 3K6

Dear Mr. Blain,

Re: Follow-up Policy for Testing Lead Content in Drinking Water of School Facilities

On behalf of the Medical Health Officers and the Health Protection and Environmental Services program at Island Health, I am writing to enquire on the status of lead sampling for the school facilities within your School District. As I am sure you are aware, the Policy for Testing Lead Content in Drinking Water of School Facilities highlights the importance of working with the Regional Health Authorities to ensure appropriate sampling methods and remediation strategies are in place.

In order to provide you with the necessary support, we are requesting you please provide us with the following information by **December 2, 2016**:

- What, if any, testing has been performed at each school;
- The test results for each school that has been tested;
- Current remediation steps that have been implemented for each school where lead levels exceed maximums;
- Current communication that is being provided to the public on lead within your schools.

If you have already been in contact with one of our local Environmental Health Officers, please confirm with me the name of that individual and forward any information that may not yet have been provided to the individual.

If you have any questions or require more time to collect the information, please feel free to contact me to discuss at 250.755.6215.

Sincerely,

Shaun Malakoe
Team Lead
Health Protection and Environmental Health
Island Health

c.c.: Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer, Island Health

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