

Good Morning,

I am reaching out to share a report published today by the Canadian Environmental Law Association, which highlights the need for Ontario to modernize its nearly 20-year-old approach to protecting children in schools from being exposed to lead in drinking water.

O. Reg. 243/07, which sets minimum standards for testing, mitigating and communicating about lead in school water, is outdated, ineffective, and puts children's health at risk. Despite lack of change at the provincial level, **public health units can act now to ensure that lead testing and mitigation decisions are informed by the most up-to-date evidence.**

Please see attached the report ['F' for Effort: How Ontario is falling behind on getting lead out of school drinking water](#), and a briefing note specific to the role that public health units play in protecting students from lead exposure. Also attached is a printable hand-out aimed at building capacity for parents and caregivers to advocate for better lead protections in schools.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments about the material.

Best,

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