



To Vermont Representatives:

We are the parents, grandparents, and neighbors of the students, teachers, and staff of Vermont schools and we demand strong and immediate action to protect all students and teachers from lead-contaminated drinking water. We urge you to pass Senate Bill No. 40 without delay, An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities, to keep our children safe from lead.

All 16 schools tested for lead in Vermont were found to have dangerous levels of lead in water, exceeding the 1 ppb health recommendation by the Vermont Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The damage done by even extremely small amounts of lead is irreversible. Children attending Vermont schools are at risk for serious developmental, cognitive and behavioral problems that could harm them for the rest of their life.

Many of our schools and child care centers are located in buildings that are older and more likely to have water fountains, fixtures, or other plumbing that contain lead. But because most schools haven't been tested for lead, right now children all across the state could be unknowingly drinking lead-contaminated water.

Children deserve to learn in a safe and healthy environment. We believe that all schools and childcare centers must be tested, and facilities with lead over 1 ppb should turn off the tap until the lead is cleaned up. Please pass this bill to make sure our schools and childcare centers are safe and healthy places for kids to learn and grow.

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