

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 129

Approved April 15, 2016

WHEREAS, The children living within the City of Providence are one of the City's most precious resources; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Schools are devoted to improving the intellectual, emotional and physical well-being of all children entrusted to their care; and

WHEREAS, The issue of water quality in general, and the presence of unsafe levels of lead in drinking water, recently became a concern in the City of Flint, Michigan and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Children as a group are particularly vulnerable to the harms of lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, There have been recent reports of unsafe lead levels in water supplies in school buildings in Jersey City and Newark, New Jersey and in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Water Supply Board regularly tests and confirms the safety of the City's water up to the point it enters buildings; and

WHEREAS, The building stock of the Providence Public Schools includes many that were constructed prior to today's current awareness of the perils of lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, There are no current tests indicating unsafe levels of lead or other contaminants within the water used the Providence Public Schools; and

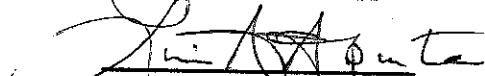
WHEREAS, The recent focus on the lead safety issue provides an opportunity for additional testing and confirmation about the safety of the drinking water within the City's public schools.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Education Committee review the issue of water quality within the Providence Public Schools, request presentations from the Water Supply Board and the administration concerning recent water quality testing, conduct any necessary and appropriate investigations and report to the City Council and the School Department concerning its findings.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

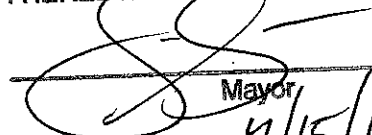
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**CLERK**

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Mayor

Date: 4/15/16