
From: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 1:50 PM
To: 'Darnell Earley'
Subject: RE: Question for you...

Great to see the Op-Ed, I'm tired of seeing good people getting kicked around without a chance to set the record straight.

Frankly, the everyday Flint citizen has been very poorly served by these folks, and without help the city would have been bankrupt and my guess the problem exacerbated. Every single one of us is very disappointed and disheartened by the lead issue, and no one, especially you and I, thinks lead is acceptable at any level even though the feds recognize that a certain level is to be expected. A regular Flint citizen has every right to be ticked off by the findings, and I certainly don't blame them for being irritated they have this problem, need bottled water and filters, etc., but it's the old pipes that are the problem.

Lead doesn't magically appear or disappear because of the Flint River water, which we all, including you, expressed a lot of reservation about using. But, the river was always the back-up long before EM's and state involvement, and the locals went forward with the same understandings. Frankly, the response to the "dirty" water and the smell obviously precipitated chemical cures which may or may not have facilitated the leaching. Some of the levels will be relieved by the Lake Huron water, but not the essential issue in old cities throughout the country where the only resolution to lead levels is getting rid of old houses with lead issues and old pipes. Quite an undertaking, but without a viable city it could never be tackled.

From: Darnell Earley [<mailto:darnell.earley@detroit12.org>]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 2:56 PM
To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <muchmored@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: Question for you...

Dennis,

I am attending MASB but will get with staff first thing Monday to deal with this issue.

Thanks for your support on the op-Ed. It feels good to have my side of the story out there.

Have a great weekend!

Darnell

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2015, at 12:12 PM, Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <muchmored@michigan.gov> wrote:

Do we have a lot of teaching vacancies in the system? If so, could we attract some retired private school teachers (who I assume would be certificated) to teach in some of the openings? A legislator was complaining today about Renaissance HS having four vacancies and I wonder if we could hire some retired private school teachers for special subjects.

I loved the op-ed. Only my PR wife keeps me from writing some much stronger language...