Is Your Child Drinking Leaded Water?

Legislative Leaders of the Virginia Sierra Club, along with UPAL’s Founder/Director, present Senator Jeremy McPike with an award as a token of thanks for his work on lead contamination of drinking water in Virginia’s public schools. **Senator Jeremy McPike (D-29)** introduced Senate Bill 1359 which require every public school board in the state to adopt a plan to test for lead in each school’s drinking water. Children are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of lead poisoning, but often do not look sick. Lead in the body can cause brain damage and developmental problems including learning disabilities, impulsive behavior, poor language skills and memory problems. This bill became law in July 2017.
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UPAL Receives Grant to Test Water in Four Richmond Elementary Schools

UPAL has been awarded funds to implement a pilot program that involves taking water samples to be tested for lead content. The Falls of the James Group/Sierra Club presented UPAL with a matching grant of $1,000 to sample water at J.L. Francis, Southampton, Ginter Park and George Mason Elementary Schools in Richmond. Two of the schools, Ginter Park and George Mason tested high for lead content according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. The school division’s Acting Superintendent Thomas Krantz took immediate action to protect school children by shutting off the tested fountains and having bottled water delivered for students and staff to drink. Mr. Krantz has ordered additional testing at the two schools and we are awaiting the results. More to Come........

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